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### Pregnant Women Health and Safety Act

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 7, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### **Pregnant Women Health and Safety Act**

Requires a person who performs an abortion to have admitting privileges at a local hospital and notify the patient of the location of the hospital where the patient can receive follow-up care by the person if complications arise. Exempts from these requirements a person who performs an abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical condition. Subjects to fines and/or imprisonment any person who knowingly performs an abortion but fails to comply with this Act.

Prohibits a woman upon whom an abortion is performed from being prosecuted for conspiracy to violate this Act.

Requires each abortion clinic that receives federal funds or assistance to be licensed by the state and be in compliance with the requirements for ambulatory surgery centers under title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, except for requirements related to a certificate of public need. Allows a state board of health to waive the application of certain structural requirements for licensing purposes in order to comply with this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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