

HR 940

Health Care Conscience Rights Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 27, 2015)

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Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Feb 12, 2015
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Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Pompeo, Mike [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Ribble, Reid J. [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Russell, Steve [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Feb 12, 2015

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Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Feb 12, 2015
Rep. Clawson, Curt [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Feb 25, 2015
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Feb 25, 2015
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Feb 25, 2015
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Feb 25, 2015
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Feb 25, 2015
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Feb 25, 2015
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Feb 25, 2015
Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Feb 25, 2015
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Mar 3, 2015
Rep. Hardy, Cresent [R-NV-4]	R · NV		Mar 3, 2015
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Mar 3, 2015
Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Mar 3, 2015
Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Mar 3, 2015
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Mar 3, 2015
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Mar 3, 2015
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Mar 3, 2015
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Heck, Joseph J. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Nugent, Richard B. [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Mar 17, 2015

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Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Mar 17, 2015
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Mar 25, 2015
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Ellmers, Renee L. [R-NC-2]	R · NC		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jul 15, 2015
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Woodall, Rob [R-GA-7]	R · GA		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Bridenstine, Jim [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Jul 28, 2015
Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Sep 28, 2015
Rep. Stutzman, Marlin A. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Sep 28, 2015
Rep. Denham, Jeff [R-CA-10]	R · CA		Nov 5, 2015
Rep. Benishek, Dan [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jan 6, 2016
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Apr 14, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 13, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 27, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5926	Related bill	Jul 22, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 541.
114 S 1919	Related bill	Aug 4, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Feb 12, 2015)

Health Care Conscience Rights Act

Amends title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to declare that nothing in that title requires an individual to purchase individual health insurance coverage that includes coverage of an abortion or other item or service to which the individual has a moral or religious objection, or prevent an issuer from offering coverage excluding such item or service to that individual.

Denies that title I requires a health plan sponsor or a health insurance issuer to cover an item or service to which the sponsor or issuer has a moral or religious objection.

Denies also that title I authorizes imposition of a tax, penalty, fee, fine, or other sanction, or imposition of coverage of such an item or service, on health insurance coverage that excludes such an item or service.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to codify the prohibition against any action by the federal government and any state or local government receiving federal financial assistance to subject a health professional, or health care facility, organization, or plan to discrimination on the basis that the entity refuses to participate in abortion-related activities.

Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to designate the Director of the Office for Civil Rights of HHS to receive and investigate complaints alleging a violation of this abortion discrimination prohibition.

Creates a cause of action for the Attorney General or any person or entity adversely affected to obtain equitable or legal relief for any violation of this abortion discrimination prohibition. Allows commencement of an action and the granting of relief without a prerequisite pursuit of administrative remedies. Allows such an action against a federal or state governmental entity.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 27, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.