

S 1985

Protect Access to Birth Control Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Oct 19, 2017

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Oct 19, 2017)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1985>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (37 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 19, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 19, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4082	Identical bill	Oct 20, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Oct 19, 2017)

Protect Access to Birth Control Act

This bill nullifies interim final rules issued by the Department of Labor, the Department of the Treasury, and the Department of Health and Human Services that allow employers with religious or moral objections to be exempt from the requirement in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to cover contraceptive services without cost-sharing.

Actions Timeline

- Oct 19, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- Oct 19, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

LegiList

CONGRESS, MADE CLEAR.

Search Every Federal Bill, Law, and Vote

LegiList is the fastest way to research Congress. Track any bill from introduction to enactment, see how every legislator voted, follow committee activity, and read the full text of every bill — all in one place, always up to date.

legilist.com

Free Course: Learn How Congress Actually Works

LegiList Learn is a free, self-paced course that walks through the entire legislative process — from drafting a bill to a presidential signature. Seven modules, plain language, no politics. Earn a certificate when you finish.

legilist.com/learn

Developer API: Build Apps on Legislative Data

The LegiList API gives developers direct access to bills, votes, legislators, committees, and more. Start free with 1,000 requests per day — no credit card required. Upgrade to Pro when you need to scale.

legilist.com/api

Public data belongs to the public. — legilist.com