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Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

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Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jan 24, 2017
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2017
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Jan 24, 2017
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jan 24, 2017
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jan 24, 2017
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Jan 30, 2017
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2017
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 1, 2017
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 6, 2017
Sen. Strange, Luther [R-AL]	R · AL		Jun 27, 2017
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Sep 28, 2017
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Jun 7, 2018
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jun 26, 2018
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 31, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 24, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 37	Identical bill	Jan 12, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

Summary (as of Jan 24, 2017)

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

This bill amends the federal criminal code to require any health care practitioner who is present when a child is born alive following an abortion or attempted abortion to: (1) exercise the same degree of care as reasonably provided to any other child born alive at the same gestational age, and (2) ensure that such child is immediately admitted to a hospital. The term "born alive" means the complete expulsion or extraction from his or her mother, at any stage of development, who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut.

Also, a health care practitioner or other employee who has knowledge of a failure to comply with these requirements must immediately report such failure to an appropriate law enforcement agency.

An individual who violates the provisions of this bill is subject to a criminal fine, up to five years in prison, or both.

An individual who commits an overt act that kills a child born alive is subject to criminal prosecution for murder.

The bill bars the criminal prosecution of a mother of a child born alive for conspiracy to violate these provisions, for being an accessory after the fact, or for concealment of felony.

A woman who undergoes an abortion or attempted abortion may file a civil action for damages against an individual who violates this bill.

Actions Timeline

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