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Access to Birth Control Act

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Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 20, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 21, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 17, 2018
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 20, 2017

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3660	Related bill	**Nov 27, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
115 HR 5942	Related bill	**Oct 19, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
115 HR 2567	Related bill	**May 26, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Dec 20, 2017)

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This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to require pharmacies to comply with certain rules related to ensuring access to contraceptives. Among other requirements, pharmacies must provide a customer a contraceptive or related medication without delay if it is in stock. If the contraceptive is not in stock, the pharmacy must immediately inform the customer and either transfer the prescription to a pharmacy that has it in stock or order it.

Civil penalties and a private cause of action are established for violations of this bill.

Actions Timeline

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