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Conscience Protection Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]

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

Cosponsors (28 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 3, 2017
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 6, 2017
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 7, 2017
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 14, 2017
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 16, 2017
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 27, 2017
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 7, 2017
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Mar 23, 2017
Sen. Strange, Luther [R-AL]	R · AL		May 25, 2017
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 5, 2017
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Jun 7, 2017
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 12, 2017
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Oct 25, 2017
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jul 23, 2018
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Sep 17, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 3, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6470	Related bill	Jul 23, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 667.
115 HR 3354	Related bill	Sep 27, 2017: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 230.
115 HR 644	Identical bill	Jan 24, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of Feb 3, 2017)

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This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to codify the prohibition against the federal government and state and local governments that receive federal financial assistance for health-related activities penalizing or discriminating against a health care provider based on the provider's refusal to be involved in, or provide coverage for, abortion. Health care providers include health care professionals, health care facilities, social services providers, health care professional training programs, and health insurers.

The Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services, in coordination with the Department of Justice (DOJ), must investigate complaints alleging discrimination based on an individual's religious belief, moral conviction, or refusal to be involved in an abortion.

DOJ or any entity adversely affected by such discrimination may obtain equitable or legal relief in a civil action.

Administrative remedies do not need to be sought or exhausted prior to commencing an action or granting relief. Such an action may be brought against a governmental entity.

Actions Timeline

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