

HR 644

Conscience Protection Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]

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

Cosponsors (140 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]	R · VA		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Bridenstine, Jim [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Jan 24, 2017

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Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Merchant, Kenny [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Mitchell, Paul [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2017
Rep. Amash, Justin [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Jan 31, 2017
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Jan 31, 2017
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jan 31, 2017
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jan 31, 2017
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Jan 31, 2017
Rep. Love, Mia B. [R-UT-4]	R · UT		Jan 31, 2017
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Jan 31, 2017
Rep. Renacci, James B. [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Jan 31, 2017
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Feb 1, 2017
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Feb 14, 2017
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Feb 15, 2017

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Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	R · GA		Feb 28, 2017
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Feb 28, 2017
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Feb 28, 2017
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Feb 28, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Mar 9, 2017
Rep. McClintonck, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Mar 9, 2017
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Mar 9, 2017
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Mar 15, 2017
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Mar 15, 2017
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Mar 15, 2017
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 15, 2017
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Mar 22, 2017
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Mar 23, 2017
Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Mar 23, 2017
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Apr 6, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Sep 1, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Sep 1, 2017
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Sep 1, 2017
Rep. Jenkins, Evan H. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Sep 1, 2017
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Sep 1, 2017
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Sep 6, 2017
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Sep 11, 2017
Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8]	R · OH		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Sep 18, 2017
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Sep 18, 2017
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Sep 18, 2017
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Sep 21, 2017
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Sep 26, 2017
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Sep 27, 2017
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Nov 7, 2017
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Dec 1, 2017

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Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Dec 5, 2017
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Dec 6, 2017
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Jan 25, 2018
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Mar 5, 2018
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Mar 7, 2018
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Mar 7, 2018
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Mar 14, 2018
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Mar 14, 2018
Rep. Handel, Karen C. [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Mar 14, 2018
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Apr 11, 2018
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Apr 17, 2018
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Apr 23, 2018
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Aug 3, 2018
Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Sep 6, 2018
Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Oct 23, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 24, 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 S 301	Identical bill	Feb 3, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Conscience Protection Act of 2017

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

- **Jan 24, 2017:** Introduced in House
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