

## HR 1450

### Do No Harm Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

**Introduced:** Feb 28, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Apr 8, 2019)

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Apr 3, 2019
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Apr 8, 2019
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Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Apr 8, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Apr 8, 2019

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Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 14, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		May 15, 2019
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		May 15, 2019
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		May 15, 2019
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Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jun 4, 2019
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jun 13, 2019
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2019
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Jun 18, 2019
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jun 18, 2019
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jun 18, 2019
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2019
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jun 19, 2019
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jun 26, 2019
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jul 10, 2019

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Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 10, 2019
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jul 10, 2019
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jul 17, 2019
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jul 25, 2019
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Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Aug 27, 2019
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Sep 18, 2019
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Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Oct 11, 2019
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Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Oct 18, 2019
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Oct 18, 2019
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Oct 18, 2019
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Oct 21, 2019
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Dec 12, 2019

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Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Dec 12, 2019
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Dec 19, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jan 9, 2020
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2020
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Feb 11, 2020
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Feb 11, 2020
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Feb 26, 2020
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Aug 4, 2020
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Sep 4, 2020
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Sep 4, 2020
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Sep 4, 2020
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Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]	D · SC		Sep 14, 2020
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Sep 14, 2020
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Sep 14, 2020

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Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Sep 16, 2020
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Sep 16, 2020
Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]	D · MD		Sep 21, 2020
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Sep 21, 2020
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2020
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Oct 16, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 8, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 593	Related bill	Feb 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Feb 28, 2019)

### Do No Harm Act

This bill prohibits the application of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA) to specified federal laws or the implementation of such laws. Currently, RFRA prohibits the government from substantially burdening a person's exercise of religion even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability, except in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest when using the least restrictive means.

Under the bill, RFRA is inapplicable to laws or the implementation of laws that

- protect against discrimination or the promotion of equal opportunity (e.g., the Civil Rights Act of 1964);
- require employers to provide wages, other compensation, or benefits, including leave;
- protect collective activity in the workplace;
- protect against child labor, abuse, or exploitation; or
- provide for access to, information about, referrals for, provision of, or coverage for, any health care item or service.

The bill prevents RFRA from being used to deny (1) goods or services the government has contracted, granted, or made an agreement to provide to a beneficiary; or (2) a person's full and equal enjoyment of a government-provided good, service, benefit, facility, privilege, advantage, or accommodation.

In order for a person to assert a RFRA claim or defense in a judicial proceeding, the government must be a party to the proceeding.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Feb 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 28, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.