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Teleabortion Prevention Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (10 total)

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Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 4, 2020
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Feb 4, 2020
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Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 4, 2020
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 4, 2020
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Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 10, 2020
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 10, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4935	Related bill	Dec 18, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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This bill restricts the use of telehealth for chemical abortions (also known as medication abortions).

Specifically, it requires a provider who dispenses or prescribes medication for a chemical abortion to physically examine the patient, be physically present at the location of the chemical abortion, and schedule a follow-up visit. The bill provides an exception for a chemical abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness, injury, or condition.

The bill establishes criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to two years, or both—for a provider who does not comply with the requirements.

A patient who undergoes a chemical abortion may not be prosecuted.

Actions Timeline

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