

## HR 3563

Stop Shackling and Detaining Pregnant Women Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 648	Identical bill	<b>Mar 5, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Jun 27, 2019)

### Stop Shackling and Detaining Pregnant Women Act

This bill prohibits the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from detaining a woman during pregnancy or postpartum recovery and must immediately release any detainee found to be pregnant, unless such woman presents an immediate and serious threat of hurting herself or others.

A DHS detention facility may not use a restraint on a detainee who is known to be pregnant, including during labor, transport to a medical facility or birthing center, and delivery, or during postpartum recovery, except for medical or safety purposes. The bill requires DHS to use the least restrictive restraint necessary and prohibits certain specified restraint types, including four-point restraints and binding a detainee's hands behind her back.

The bill prohibits DHS detention officers from being present during a pelvic exam of a detainee, labor, delivery, or treatment relating to a pregnancy, unless specifically requested by medical personnel. If a detention officer is requested by medical personnel, such officer shall be female, if practicable, and remain at a reasonable distance from the detainee.

The bill requires that a pregnant detainee shall have access to health care services, including comprehensive services relating to reproductive health care and pregnancy.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 30, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.