

HR 4935

Teleabortion Prevention Act of 2019

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Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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

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Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Oct 30, 2019
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Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Nov 8, 2019
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Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Dec 18, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 18, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3252	Related bill	Feb 4, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Oct 30, 2019)

Teleabortion Prevention Act of 2019

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

- **Dec 18, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H9064)
- **Oct 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 30, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.