

HR 784

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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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. (Mar 5, 2019)

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Sponsor

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

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Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jan 24, 2019
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Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2019

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Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jan 24, 2019
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Rep. Walker, Mark [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Feb 4, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Feb 4, 2019
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Feb 4, 2019
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		Feb 8, 2019
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Feb 8, 2019
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Feb 8, 2019
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 8, 2019
Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Feb 13, 2019

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Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Feb 22, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Feb 22, 2019
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Feb 22, 2019
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Feb 22, 2019
Rep. Roby, Martha [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Hollingsworth, Trey [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Mar 26, 2019
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Mar 27, 2019
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Mar 28, 2019
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Aug 16, 2019
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Murphy, Gregory [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Nov 19, 2019
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Steil, Bryan [R-WI-1]	R · WI		Dec 4, 2019
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Davidson, Warren [R-OH-8]	R · OH		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Rigglesman, Denver [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Dec 17, 2019
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Hagedorn, Jim [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Dec 19, 2019
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Dec 19, 2019
Rep. Rose, John W. [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Dec 19, 2019

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Rep. Spano, Ross [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Dec 23, 2019
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Dec 23, 2019
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Dec 30, 2019
Rep. Bishop, Dan [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Jan 3, 2020
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Mar 12, 2020
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Jacobs, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Sep 17, 2020
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Nov 17, 2020
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Nov 30, 2020
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Dec 18, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 5, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3275	Related bill	Feb 25, 2020: Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 53 - 44. Record Vote Number: 57. (CR S1136)
116 S 160	Related bill	Apr 9, 2019: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.

Summary (as of Jan 24, 2019)

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

This bill establishes a new criminal offense for performing or attempting to perform an abortion if the probable post-fertilization age of the fetus is 20 weeks or more.

A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to five years, or both.

The bill provides exceptions for an abortion (1) that is necessary to save the life of the pregnant woman, or (2) when the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. A physician who performs or attempts to perform an abortion under an exception must comply with specified requirements.

A woman who undergoes a prohibited abortion may not be prosecuted for violating or conspiring to violate the provisions of this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 5, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jan 24, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 24, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary