

HR 8498

Informed Consent Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]

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

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Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Oct 1, 2020
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Rep. Hagedorn, Jim [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Oct 6, 2020
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Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Oct 9, 2020
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Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Oct 13, 2020
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Oct 13, 2020
Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Oct 16, 2020

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Nov 5, 2020
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Nov 17, 2020
Rep. Spano, Ross [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Nov 17, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 1, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 1, 2020)

Informed Consent Act

This bill establishes a new criminal offense for knowingly performing an abortion or sterilization procedure without obtaining informed consent, unless the procedure is necessary to save an individual's life or otherwise prevent substantial impairment of a major bodily function.

An individual who performs these procedures absent informed consent is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to 10 years, or both.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 1, 2020:** Introduced in House
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