

HR 866

Fairness For Breastfeeding Mothers Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Jan 30, 2019

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 116-30.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 116-30. (Jul 25, 2019)

Law: 116-30 (Enacted Jul 25, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/866>

Sponsor

Name: Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]

Party: Democratic • **State:** DC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 4, 2019
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Feb 4, 2019
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Feb 5, 2019
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 26, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 528	Related bill	Jun 27, 2019: Held at the desk.

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(Sec. 2) This bill requires that certain public buildings that are open to the public and contain a public restroom provide a lactation room, other than a bathroom, that is hygienic and is available for use by members of the public to express milk. The lactation room must be shielded from public view, be free from intrusion, and contain a chair, a working surface, and (if the building is supplied with electricity) an electrical outlet.

A public building may be excluded from such requirement at the discretion of the official responsible for its operation if

- it does not contain a lactation room for employees and does not have a space that could be repurposed as one or that could be made private by using portable materials, at a reasonable cost; or
- the cost of new construction required to create a lactation room is not feasible.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 25, 2019:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Became Public Law No: 116-30.
- **Jul 15, 2019:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4585)
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- **Jun 26, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
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- **Feb 7, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Ms. Norton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1371-1372)
- **Feb 6, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 866.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1371)
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- **Feb 6, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E111)
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.