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Access to Birth Control Act

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 17, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 17, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 17, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6005	Identical bill	Nov 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Nov 17, 2021)

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This bill requires pharmacies to comply with certain rules related to ensuring access to contraceptives.

Specifically, pharmacies must provide without delay a customer with any contraceptive or related medication that is in stock. If the contraceptive is not in stock, the pharmacy must immediately inform the customer and either order the contraceptive or refer the customer to a pharmacy that has it in stock. Laws in some states provide pharmacists with the right to refuse to dispense contraceptive-related drugs on religious or conscience grounds.

Pharmacies may refuse to provide a contraceptive to a customer (1) if the customer lacks a valid prescription for a prescription contraceptive or is unable to pay for the contraceptive, or (2) based on a pharmacy employee's professional clinical judgment.

The bill also establishes a private cause of action and civil monetary penalties for violations of the bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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