

## S 4557

Right to Contraception Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 19, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4612	Related bill	<b>Jul 26, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HR 8373	Related bill	<b>Jul 21, 2022:</b> Received in the Senate.

## Summary (as of Jul 19, 2022)

### Right to Contraception Act

This bill sets out statutory protections for an individual's right to access and a health care provider's right to provide contraception and related information. *Contraception* refers to an action taken to prevent pregnancy, including the use of contraceptives (i.e., a device or medication used to prevent pregnancy), fertility-awareness based methods, and sterilization procedures.

Generally, the bill prohibits measures that single out and impede access to contraception and related information. However, a party may defend against a claim that a measure violates the bill's prohibitions by demonstrating, through clear and convincing evidence, that the measure significantly advances access to contraception and cannot be achieved through less restrictive means.

The Department of Justice, individuals, or health care providers may bring a lawsuit to enforce this bill, and states are not immune from suits for violations.

### Actions Timeline

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