

## S 4840

### Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Sep 13, 2022

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sep 13, 2022)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** Senate

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| Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]       | R · SD        |      | Sep 22, 2022 |
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| Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]     | R · TN        |      | Sep 29, 2022 |
| Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]      | R · MO        |      | Sep 29, 2022 |
| Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]   | R · KS        |      | Sep 29, 2022 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Sep 13, 2022 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
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| 117 HR 8814 | Related bill | Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. |

## **Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act**

This bill establishes a new criminal offense for performing or attempting to perform an abortion if the probable gestational age of the fetus is 15 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**

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