

## HR 5542

Medical Travel Assistance to Protect Women’s Right to Choose Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Oct 8, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Nov 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5542>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to | Oct 11, 2021 |
| Judiciary Committee           | House   | Referred to | Nov 1, 2022  |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Oct 8, 2021)

#### Medical Travel Assistance to Protect Women's Right to Choose Act of 2021

This bill establishes a program to distribute funds to cover the travel expenses of individuals who must travel out of state to obtain certain abortion services.

Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) may award up to \$1,000 to an individual who (1) is a resident of a state that does not have a state law protecting the right to abortion services before fetal viability, and (2) traveled to another state to receive abortion services. HHS may increase the award amount in extraordinary circumstances.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Oct 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 8, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.