

HR 626

Teleabortion Prevention Act of 2021

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Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jan 28, 2021
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Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Jan 28, 2021
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Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Rose, John W. [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Feb 4, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5136	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Summary (as of Jan 28, 2021)

Teleabortion Prevention Act of 2021

This bill restricts the use of telehealth for chemical abortions (also known as medication abortions).

Specifically, it requires a provider who dispenses or prescribes medication for a chemical abortion to physically examine the patient, be physically present at the location of the chemical abortion, and schedule a follow-up visit. The bill provides an exception for a chemical abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness, injury, or condition.

The bill establishes criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to two years, or both—for a provider who does not comply with the requirements.

A patient who undergoes a chemical abortion may not be prosecuted.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.