

HR 648

Ultrasound Informed Consent Act

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]

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

Cosponsors (32 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2021
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Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Miller, Mary E. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Rose, John W. [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Murphy, Gregory [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Apr 1, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3790	Related bill	Mar 10, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Feb 1, 2021)

Ultrasound Informed Consent Act

This bill requires abortion providers to conduct an ultrasound before performing an abortion.

Specifically, before a woman gives informed consent to any part of an abortion, the abortion provider must

- perform an obstetric ultrasound on the pregnant woman;
- provide a simultaneous explanation of what the ultrasound is depicting;
- display the ultrasound images so the woman may view them; and
- provide a complete medical description of the images, including the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, cardiac activity if present and visible, and the presence of external members and internal organs if present and viewable.

Providers are subject to civil actions and penalties for violations.

The bill's ultrasound requirements do not apply in cases where a physical disorder, illness, or injury caused by the pregnancy endangers a woman's life. A woman is also not required to view the ultrasound images; nor may she or the provider be penalized if she declines to do so.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 1, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 1, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.