

## HR 12

Women's Health Protection Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 30, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Apr 7, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/12>

### Sponsor

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

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Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Mar 30, 2023
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Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Mar 30, 2023
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Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-7]	D · GA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. McClellan, Jennifer L. [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. McGarvey, Morgan [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Mar 30, 2023

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Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Mullin, Kevin [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 30, 2023
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Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Peltola, Mary Sattler [D-AK-At Large]	D · AK		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Perez, Marie Gluesenkamp [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-50]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Pettersen, Brittany [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Ramirez, Delia C. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-25]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Ryan, Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]	D · OR		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Scholten, Hillary J. [D-MI-3]	D · MI		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Mar 30, 2023

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Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-7]	D · MI		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Sorensen, Eric [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-4]	D · AZ		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Sykes, Emilia Strong [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-4]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Mar 30, 2023
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Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Mar 30, 2023
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Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Mar 30, 2023
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Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
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Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Mar 30, 2023
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Apr 6, 2023
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Apr 6, 2023
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 13, 2023

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Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	D · MP		May 10, 2023
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		May 11, 2023
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Aug 15, 2023
Rep. Amo, Gabe [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jan 31, 2024
Rep. Kennedy, Timothy M. [D-NY-26]	D · NY		May 21, 2024
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jul 10, 2024
Rep. Lee Carter, Erica [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Nov 19, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 7, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 30, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 701	Related bill	<b>Mar 9, 2023:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 26.

## Women's Health Protection Act of 2023

This bill prohibits governmental restrictions on the provision of, and access to, abortion services.

Before fetal viability, governments may not restrict providers from

- using particular abortion procedures or drugs,
- offering abortion services via telemedicine, or
- immediately providing abortion services if delaying risks the patient's health.

Furthermore, governments may not require providers to

- perform unnecessary medical procedures,
- provide medically inaccurate information, or
- comply with credentialing or other conditions that do not apply to providers who offer medically comparable services to abortions.

Additionally, governments may not require patients to make medically unnecessary in-person visits before receiving abortion services or disclose their reasons for obtaining services.

After fetal viability, governments may not restrict providers from performing abortions when necessary to protect a patient's life and health. The same provisions that apply to abortions before viability also apply to necessary abortions after viability. Additionally, states may authorize post-viability abortions in circumstances beyond those that the bill considers necessary.

Further, the bill recognizes an individual's right to interstate travel, including for abortion services.

The bill also prohibits governments from implementing measures that are similar to those restricted by the bill or that otherwise single out and impede access to abortion services, unless the measure significantly advances the safety of abortion services or health of patients and cannot be achieved through less restrictive means.

The Department of Justice, individuals, or providers may sue states or government officials to enforce this bill, regardless of certain immunity that would otherwise apply.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 7, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 30, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 30, 2023:** 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.