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HR 461

Protecting Individuals with Down Syndrome Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jan 24, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Jan 24, 2023)

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 18	Identical bill	Jan 23, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jan 24, 2023)

Protecting Individuals with Down Syndrome Act

This bill creates new federal crimes related to the performance of an abortion on an unborn child who has Down syndrome.

It subjects a violator to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to five years, or both.

It also authorizes civil remedies, including damages and injunctive relief.

A woman who undergoes such an abortion may not be prosecuted or held civilly liable.

Actions Timeline

- Jan 24, 2023: Introduced in House
- Jan 24, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.