

HR 497

Freedom for Health Care Workers Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jan 25, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 17, 2024)

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

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Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jan 25, 2023
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Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Jan 25, 2023
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Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Luna, Anna Paulina [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-21]	R · FL		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. McCormick, Richard [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Miller, Mary E. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Miller, Max L. [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jan 25, 2023
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Rep. Moore, Barry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Jan 25, 2023
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jan 25, 2023
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Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	R · TX		Jan 25, 2023
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Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Jan 26, 2023
Rep. Yakym, Rudy [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jan 26, 2023
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Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Jan 27, 2023
Rep. Brecheen, Josh [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jan 30, 2023
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Jan 30, 2023
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jan 30, 2023
Rep. D'Esposito, Anthony [R-NY-4]	R · NY		Jan 30, 2023
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Jan 30, 2023
Rep. Duarte, John S. [R-CA-13]	R · CA		Jan 31, 2023
Rep. Hageman, Harriet M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Jan 31, 2023
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Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Jan 31, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2023
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 1, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HRES 75	Related bill	Jan 31, 2023: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Jan 31, 2023)

Freedom for Health Care Workers Act

This bill nullifies the rule titled *Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination*, which was issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on November 5, 2021, and prohibits the issuance of any substantially similar rule. The rule requires health care providers, as a condition of Medicare and Medicaid participation, to ensure that staff are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 3, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 1, 2023:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 75 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 7, H.R. 139, H.R. 382 and H.R. 497. All bills are considered under a closed rule with one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit.
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Rule H. Res. 75 passed House.
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 75. (consideration: CR H539-551)
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 7, H.R. 139, H.R. 382 and H.R. 497. All bills are considered under a closed rule with one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit.
- **Jan 31, 2023:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 497.
- **Jan 31, 2023:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Ms. Jacobs moved to recommit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. (text: CR H548-551)
- **Jan 31, 2023:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Jan 31, 2023:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 497, the Chair put the question on the motion to recommit and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Pallone demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H551-553)
- **Jan 31, 2023:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 210 - 219 (Roll no. 97).
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 227 - 203 (Roll no. 98). (text: CR H539)
- **Jan 31, 2023:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 227 - 203 (Roll no. 98). (text: CR H539)
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.