

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8366

To protect the religious freedom of pharmacists choosing not to dispense
or sell abortion-inducing drugs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2026

Mr. BURCHETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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not to dispense or sell abortion-inducing drugs.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pharmacists Ethical
5 Autonomy and Religious Liberties Act” or the “PEARL
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PROTECTION FOR PHAR-**
2 **MACISTS CHOOSING NOT TO DISPENSE OR**
3 **SELL ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other law, a
5 pharmacist (including a pharmacist employed by a private
6 business or government agency) shall not be required to
7 dispense or sell, nor be subject to any punishment (includ-
8 ing revocation of a license to practice pharmacy or the
9 withdrawal of Federal funding) for choosing not to dis-
10 pense or sell, the drugs mifepristone and misoprostol for
11 abortion services, if such dispensing or sale would conflict
12 with the sincerely held religious beliefs of the pharmacist.

13 (b) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—A pharmacist who
14 is required to dispense or sell, or is punished for choosing
15 not to dispense or sell, the drugs mifepristone and
16 misoprostol for abortion services in violation of subsection
17 (a) may bring a civil action in Federal district court for
18 injunctive relief against the person imposing such require-
19 ment or punishment.

20 (c) PHARMACIST DEFINED.—The term “pharmacist”
21 means a person licensed by a State to practice pharmacy,
22 including the dispensing and selling of prescription drugs.

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