

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2403

To prohibit discrimination against health care entities that refuse to provide, provide coverage for, pay for, or provide referrals for abortions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 1998

Mr. SANTORUM introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

A BILL

To prohibit discrimination against health care entities that refuse to provide, provide coverage for, pay for, or provide referrals for abortions.

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 “Health Care Entity
5 Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANTIDISCRIMINATION PROTECTION FOR HEALTH**
 2 **CARE ENTITIES THAT REFUSE TO PROVIDE,**
 3 **PROVIDE COVERAGE OF, PAY FOR, OR REFER**
 4 **FOR ABORTIONS.**

5 Section 245 of the Public Health Service Act (42
 6 U.S.C. 238n) is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**RE-**
 8 **GARDING TRAINING AND LICENSING OF PHYSI-**
 9 **CIANS**”;

10 (2) in subsection (a)(1), strike “perform such”
 11 and insert “perform, provide coverage of, or pay for,
 12 induced”; and

13 (3) in subsection (c)(2)—

14 (A) by inserting “or other health profes-
 15 sional” after “individual physician;

16 (B) by striking “and a participant” and in-
 17 serting “a participant”; and

18 (C) by inserting before the period the fol-
 19 lowing: “, a hospital, a provider sponsored orga-
 20 nization, a health maintenance organization, a
 21 health insurance plan or any other kind of
 22 health care facility, organization or plan”.

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