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H. R. 2478

To direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting
deceptive advertising of abortion services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. HOLT, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services.

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 “Stop Deceptive Adver-
5 tising for Women’s Services Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING OF**
2 **ABORTION SERVICES.**

3 (a) CONDUCT PROHIBITED.—Not later than 180
4 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal
5 Trade Commission shall promulgate rules to prohibit, as
6 an unfair and deceptive act or practice, any person from
7 advertising with the intent to deceptively create the im-
8 pression that such person is a provider of abortion services
9 if such person does not provide abortion services.

10 (b) ENFORCEMENT.—The Federal Trade Commis-
11 sion shall enforce the rules required under subsection (a)
12 as if a violation of such rules were a violation of section
13 5(a)(1) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C.
14 45(a)(1)). The Commission shall enforce such rules in the
15 same manner and by the same means, powers, and duties
16 as though all applicable terms and provisions of the Fed-
17 eral Trade Commission Act were incorporated into and
18 made a part of this Act.

19 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

20 For purposes of the rules prescribed under section
21 2, the following definitions apply:

22 (1) ADVERTISE.—The term “advertise” means
23 offering of goods or services to the public, regardless
24 of whether such goods or services are offered for
25 payment or result in a profit.

1 (2) ABORTION SERVICES.—The term “abortion
2 services” means providing surgical and non-surgical
3 procedures to terminate a pregnancy, or providing
4 referrals for such procedures.

5 (3) PERSON.—The term “person” has the
6 meaning given such term in section 551(2) of title
7 5, United States Code.

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