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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.

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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

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## 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 sserting “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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