

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 7235

To prohibit agencies from using the term “birthing person” in official documents.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2026

Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina (for herself, Mr. TIMMONS, Mrs. BICE, Mr. CRANE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. STEUBE, Ms. MACE, Mr. OGLE, Mr. TIFFANY, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. ROY, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. PERRY, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Ms. LETLOW, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Mr. HARRIS of Maryland) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## A BILL

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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 “Protecting Motherhood  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF THE TERM “BIRTHING**  
2 **PERSON”.**

3 (a) PROHIBITIONS.—An agency may not use the term  
4 “birthing person” (or any variation thereof) in any official  
5 document, including a regulation, guidance, form, or com-  
6 munication.

7 (b) REQUIRED TERMINOLOGY.—An agency may use  
8 the term “female”, “mother”, “pregnant female”, “preg-  
9 nant woman”, or “woman” when referring to a female  
10 who is pregnant, giving birth, or a parent of a child.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the  
13 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,  
14 United States Code.

15 (2) FEMALE.—The term “female” means a per-  
16 son belonging, at conception, to the sex that pro-  
17 duces the large reproductive cell.

18 (3) MOTHER.—The term “mother” means a fe-  
19 male parent of a child.

20 (4) PREGNANT FEMALE.—The term “pregnant  
21 female” means a person belonging, at conception, to  
22 the sex that produces the large productive cell and  
23 who is carrying an unborn child.

24 (5) PREGNANT WOMAN.—The term “pregnant  
25 woman” means an adult human female who is car-  
26 rying an unborn child.

1           (6) WOMAN.—The term “woman” means an  
2           adult human female.

3           (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
4           30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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