

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 3238

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit approved medical residency training programs under the Medicare program from requiring opt-out abortion training.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BUDD, Mr. BANKS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. HAWLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 “Conscience Protections  
5 for Medical Residents Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING APPROVED MEDICAL RESIDENCY**  
 2 **TRAINING PROGRAMS UNDER THE MEDI-**  
 3 **CARE PROGRAM FROM REQUIRING OPT-OUT**  
 4 **ABORTION TRAINING.**

5 Section 1886(h)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act (42  
 6 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(5)(A)) is amended by adding at the  
 7 end the following new sentence: “Beginning on the date  
 8 of enactment of the Conscience Protections for Medical  
 9 Residents Act, such term does not include any such resi-  
 10 dency or other postgraduate medical training program  
 11 that provides training in the performance of, or assisting  
 12 in the performance of, induced abortions, or in counseling  
 13 or referrals for such abortions, if such program—

14 “(i) provides or requires such training  
 15 for any participant in such program with-  
 16 out the participant first voluntarily electing  
 17 to opt-in to undergo such training; or

18 “(ii) subjects any participant in such  
 19 program to discrimination on the basis  
 20 that the participant does not—

21 “(I) voluntarily elect to opt-in to  
 22 undergo such training; or

23 “(II) perform, assist in the per-  
 24 formance of, or provide counseling or  
 25 referrals for, such abortions.”.