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**FDA & Agriculture**

This bill would roll back guidance that allows pharmacies to dispense Mifepristone, a drug crucial to self-managing abortion, as well as previous guidance that allowed abortion pills to be mailed.

**Department of Defense/Veteran’s Affairs**

This bill would abolish a Biden Administration policy that extends coverage to abortion and abortion counseling for CHAMPVA insurance beneficiaries. CHAMPVA typically covers the spouses, widow(er)s, and the children of U.S. veterans. It would also strip funding from a Department of Defense policy that expanded access to reproductive health care for service members.
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**Labor, Health, & Human Services**

This bill includes language that would prohibit Medicare from withholding funds from states that refuse to provide abortions.

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This bill would require HHS to give Congress a report on the number of abortions performed under Hyde Amendment exceptions. (The Hyde Amendment withholds abortion care for those ensured by Medicaid except in cases of rape, incest, or a life-threatening pregnancy).

**Commerce & Justice**

This bill would prohibit federal funds from being used on people in federal prisons seeking abortions.

It would also defund the Reproductive Rights Task Force and bar the department from using funds to sue state or local governments over their abortion laws.