

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5626

To abolish the Conscience and Religious Freedom Division in the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2020

Mrs. HAYES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Eliminating the HHS
5 Discrimination Division Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. ABOLISHMENT OF CONSCIENCE AND RELIGIOUS**
7 **FREEDOM DIVISION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date that is 30
9 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Con-

1 science and Religious Freedom Division in the Office of
2 Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human
3 Services is abolished.

4 (b) NO SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR DIVISION.—No
5 Federal funds may be used to establish or operate any
6 substantially similar division, agency, or office with re-
7 spect to the programs and activities of the Department
8 of Health and Human Services.

9 (c) TRANSITION.—Before the effective date specified
10 in subsection (a), the Secretary of Health and Human
11 Services shall take such actions as may be necessary to
12 transfer the assets, personnel, and liabilities of the Con-
13 science and Religious Freedom Division to other agencies
14 and offices of the Department of Health and Human Serv-
15 ices.

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