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H. R. 2400

To prevent States from prohibiting male circumcision.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. ISRAEL, and Mr. ACKERMAN) 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 “Religious and Parental
5 Rights Defense Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Male circumcision carries significant med-
9 ical benefits, including lower risk of sexually-trans-
10 mitted diseases, certain kinds of infection, and over-
11 all improved hygiene.

1 (2) Male circumcision is an important part of
2 many world religions, including Judaism and Islam,
3 and observers have safely embraced its practice for
4 generations.

5 **SEC. 3. PREEMPTION OF STATE LAW PROHIBITING MALE**
6 **CIRCUMCISION.**

7 No State or political subdivision of a State may adopt
8 or continue in force a law, regulation, or order that pro-
9 hibits or regulates the circumcision of males who have not
10 attained the age of 18 years and whose parent or guardian
11 has consented to the circumcision, unless such law, regula-
12 tion, or order—

13 (1) applies to all such circumcisions performed
14 in the State; and

15 (2) is limited to ensuring that all such
16 circumcisions are performed in a hygienic manner.

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