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Medicare Drug Benefit Protections Act of 2005

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

Party: Republican • State: ME • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Dec 21, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 22, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 21, 2005)

Medicare Drug Benefit Protections Act of 2005 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for: (1) an extended period of open enrollment during all of 2006 without a late enrollment penalty; (2) extension throughout 2006 of the period for a one-time change of plan enrollment for the Medicare prescription drug benefit; (3) extension of the annual, coordinated election period under Medicare parts C (Medicare+Choice) and D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program); and (4) expansion of special election periods under such parts.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to states, nonprofit organizations, and other appropriate entities to conduct outreach and educational activities with respect to the prescription drug benefit under Medicare part D.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 21, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 21, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR 12/22/2005 S14329)
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