

S 2240

Medicare Part D Reform Act of 2006

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]

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Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 2, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 2, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5263	Related bill	May 15, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Medicare Part D Reform Act of 2006 - Amends part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to prohibit the prescription drug plan sponsor of a prescription drug plan from removing a covered part D drug from the plan formulary or changing the preferred or tiered cost-sharing status of such a drug, except between September 1 and October 31 of any year, effective only as of January 1 of the following year.

Amends SSA title XI to exempt from certain criminal penalties any waiver or reduction of patient cost-sharing by pharmacies under pharmaceutical patient assistance programs.

Amends SSA title XVIII part D with respect to the reduction in cost-sharing below the out-of-pocket threshold for individuals with income below 135% of the poverty line. Requires waiver of such copayments in the case of a full-benefit dual eligible individual who is unable to pay the applicable copayment.

Gives the Secretary the authority to negotiate prescription drug prices with manufacturers of covered part D drugs.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 2, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S512)
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