

S 2588

Health Care Access for Small Businesses Act of 2006

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 6, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Health Care Access for Small Businesses Act of 2006 - Amends the Social Security Act to create a new title XXII to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants for the startup and operation of 50 eligible three-share pilot programs for a five-year period. Characterizes a three-share program as three-way health insurance premium sharing among employer, employee, and the grant funds.

Authorizes the use of grants to establish three-share programs, provide for contributions to premiums, and establish risk pools.

Requires grant applicants to: (1) be either nonprofits or local governmental entities; (2) define the program's service region; (3) have the capacity to carry out administrative functions associated with managing health plans; and (4) have demonstrated community involvement.

Requires programs to pay for the costs of services through monthly premiums, divided among employee, employer, and grant funds according to specified percentages.

Sets forth minimal coverage requirements for three-share program eligibility.

Requires the Administrator to develop a formula to determine which businesses qualify as distressed businesses for purposes of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4883-4884)
- **Apr 6, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 6, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.