

S 3703

Medicare Prescription Drug Lifeline Act of 2006

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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

Party: Republican • State: ME • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 20, 2006
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 28, 2006
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Sep 29, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 20, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Medicare Prescription Drug Lifeline Act of 2006 - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a process under which an individual may terminate enrollment in the prescription drug plan or the Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MA-PD) Plan in which he or she is enrolled and enroll in any prescription drug plan or MA-PD Plan serving the area where the individual resides that provides some coverage of covered part D (Voluntary Prescription Drug Benefit Program) drugs after the individual has reached the initial coverage limit but not yet the annual out-of-pocket threshold.

Sets forth a special rule permitting applicable individuals to enroll in a prescription drug plan outside the region in which they reside.

Directs the Comptroller General to study and report to Congress on: (1) the costs to the Medicare program of eliminating the initial coverage limit and providing specified standard prescription drug coverage until the individual reaches the annual out-of-pocket threshold; and (2) the adjustment to the applicable coinsurance that would be necessary to eliminate the initial coverage limit under such conditions without increasing the costs to the Medicare program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 20, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 20, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8062-8063)
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