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Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2005

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 26, 2005
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 26, 2005
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Apr 26, 2005
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 26, 2005
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 27, 2005
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 27, 2005
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 30, 2005
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Sep 30, 2005
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Oct 4, 2005
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 18, 2005
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Dec 21, 2005
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Feb 1, 2006
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 17, 2006
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		May 11, 2006
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 15, 2006
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 5, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 26, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 1849	Identical bill	Jul 27, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5958)

Summary (as of Apr 26, 2005)

Breast Cancer Patient Protect Action of 2005 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code to require a group health plan or a health issuer offering group health insurance coverage that provides medical and surgical benefits to ensure that inpatient (and in the case of a lumpectomy, outpatient) coverage and radiation therapy are provided for breast cancer treatment. Prohibits such a plan or issuer from: (1) restricting benefits for any hospital length of stay to less than 48 hours in connection with a mastectomy or breast conserving surgery or 24 hours in connection with a lymph node dissection; or (2) requiring that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or issuer for prescribing any such length of stay.

Requires such a plan or issuer to: (1) provide notice to each participant and beneficiary regarding the coverage required under this Act; and (2) ensure that full coverage is provided for secondary consultations by specialists in the appropriate medical fields to confirm or refute a diagnosis of cancer.

Applies such requirements to health insurance issuers offering coverage in the individual market.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 26, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 26, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4263)
- **Apr 26, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.