

S 2795

SHOP Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

Party: Democratic • State: IL • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Apr 2, 2008
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Apr 2, 2008
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 2, 2008
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 15, 2008
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 15, 2008
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 6, 2008
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 23, 2008
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Jun 23, 2008
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 15, 2008
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Jul 15, 2008
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jul 15, 2008
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 15, 2008
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		Jul 17, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 2, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5918	Identical bill	May 7, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Small Business Health Options Program Act of 2008 or the SHOP Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to designate an office within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to administer a health insurance program for small businesses and self-employed individuals to purchase health insurance coverage meeting certain requirements.

Establishes a Small Business Health Board to monitor the implementation of the program and make recommendations for improvements.

Requires the Administrator of the program to: (1) enter into contracts with health insurance issuers to provide health insurance coverage under this Act; and (2) enter into agreements with entities to serve as navigators to provide information about the program and assist in enrollment.

Requires a participating employer to ensure that each eligible employee has an opportunity to enroll in a plan.

Sets forth requirements for health plans offered under this Act. Requires the Administrator to contract with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to study the rating requirements that apply to health insurance purchased in the small group markets in the states and to develop recommendations concerning rating requirements.

Sets forth premium-setting rules for plans under this Act.

Allows a state to prohibit participation in this program if the state offers alternative health benefit plans.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a tax credit for small employers for qualified employee health insurance expenses under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 3, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2425-2526)
- **Apr 2, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 2, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2348-2355)