

S 3067

Dental Health Improvement Act of 2008

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (May 22, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

Party: Republican • State: ME • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 22, 2008
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		May 22, 2008
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 31, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 22, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 22, 2008)

Dental Health Improvement Act of 2008 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to condition eligibility for loan repayment programs on dentists meeting any (rather than all) of the following requirements: (1) agreeing to practice in designated dental health professional shortage areas; (2) being dental school graduates and agreeing to serve as public health dentists for the federal, state, or local government; or (3) agreeing to provide services to patients regardless of ability to pay and using a sliding payment scale for patients who are unable to pay the total cost of services.

Reauthorizes appropriations for grants to states for programs to address the dental workforce needs of designated dental health professional shortage areas.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 22, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 22, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4803)
- **May 22, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.