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S 3398

Medical Device Safety Act of 2008 Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Health
Introduced: Jul 31, 2008

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. (Jul 31, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • State: MA • Chamber: Senate

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	$D \cdot NM$		Jul 31, 2008
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 31, 2008
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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 31, 2008
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 31, 2008
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D·IL		Aug 1, 2008
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	$D \cdot SD$		Sep 23, 2008
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Nov 19, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 1, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 6381	Identical bill	Jun 26, 2008: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Summary (as of Jul 31, 2008)

Medical Device Safety Act of 2008 - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide that provisions preempting state and local requirements for medical devices intended for human use shall not be construed to modify or otherwise affect any action for damages or the liability of any person under state law. Makes this Act effective as if it were included in the Medical Device Amendments of 1976 and applicable to any civil action pending or filed on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 31, 2008: Introduced in Senate
- Jul 31, 2008: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7953-7954)
- Jul 31, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.