

## S 459

### Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jan 31, 2007)

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## Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jan 31, 2007
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 8, 2007
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 27, 2007
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Apr 24, 2007
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 31, 2007
Sen. Obama, Barack [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 3, 2008
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 26, 2008

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 31, 2007

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 758	Identical bill	Sep 25, 2008: Received in the Senate.
110 HR 119	Related bill	May 9, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

### Summary (as of Jan 31, 2007)

Breast Cancer Patient Protect Action of 2007 - 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

- **Jan 31, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
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