

HR 5918

SHOP Act

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 7, 2008)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 29, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 30, 2008
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Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 7, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2795	Identical bill	Apr 3, 2008: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2425-2526)

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

- **May 7, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 30, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 29, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 29, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Ways and Means, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.