

## S 1778

### Access to Affordable Medicines Act

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Oct 14, 2009

**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. (Oct 14, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/1778>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NH • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R - LA		Oct 14, 2009
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D - AK		Nov 2, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 14, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Oct 14, 2009)

Access to Affordable Medicines Act - Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide that an application for a generic drug the proposed labeling of which is different from the labeling at the time the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) evaluates the application shall be eligible for approval (and such drug shall not be considered misbranded) if: (1) the revision has been approved by the Secretary within 60 days of the expiration of the patent or exclusivity period for the drug; (2) the Secretary has not determined the applicable labeling text when such period expires; (3) the labeling revision does not include a change to the warnings section; (4) the Secretary does not deem that the continued presence in commerce of the labeling before the revision adversely impacts the safe use of the drug; and (5) the sponsor of the application agrees to submit revised labeling not later than 60 days after the notification of any changes required by the Secretary.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 14, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 14, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10436-10437)
- **Oct 14, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.