

## S 307

### Critical Access Hospital Flexibility Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 22, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S791-792)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S791-792) (Jan 22, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/307>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jan 22, 2009
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Mar 9, 2009
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 9, 2009
Sen. Johanns, Mike [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 16, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 16, 2009
Sen. Burris, Roland [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 23, 2009
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 23, 2009
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 1, 2009
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 1, 2009
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 20, 2009
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 23, 2009
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 29, 2009
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Jun 24, 2009
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Jul 20, 2009
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Jul 27, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 22, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 668	Identical bill	Jan 23, 2009: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

## Summary (as of Jan 22, 2009)

Critical Access Hospital Flexibility Act of 2009 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act with respect to state Medicare rural hospital flexibility programs, in particular the criteria for designation of critical access hospitals.

Revises requirements for the counting of beds for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital. Allows a facility to provide a maximum of 20 (currently 25) acute care inpatient beds, as determined on an annual, average basis. Declares that only occupied beds shall be counted.

Exempts from the critical access hospital inpatient bed limitation beds provided to certain veterans.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jan 22, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 22, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S791)
- **Jan 22, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S791-792)