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Hospice Protection Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 12, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Feb 13, 2009
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 13, 2009
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Feb 13, 2009
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 13, 2009
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 6, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 12, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 12, 2009)

Hospice Protection Act - Establishes a temporary moratorium on the phase out of the Medicare hospice Budget Neutrality Adjustment Factor (BNAF).

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services, between enactment of this Act and December 31, 2009, to recompute and apply the final Medicare hospice wage index for FY2009 as if the BNAF had remained in place with no reduction.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 12, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2230)
- **Feb 12, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.