

## S 631

### Patient Safety and Abuse Prevention 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. (Mar 18, 2009)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]

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

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Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 18, 2009
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Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 18, 2009
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 18, 2009
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Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 18, 2009
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 18, 2009
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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 18, 2009
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 23, 2009
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 25, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 18, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2223	Related bill	<b>May 4, 2009:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Patient Safety and Abuse Prevention Act - Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a program to identify efficient, effective, and economical procedures for long-term care facilities or providers to conduct background checks on prospective direct patient access employees on a nationwide basis under similar terms and conditions as the pilot program established under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003.

Sets forth requirements for states wishing to participate in the program, including requiring: (1) searches of neglect registries and databases; (2) searches of any proceedings that may contain disqualifying information; (3) searches of federal criminal history records, including a fingerprint check; and (4) methods that reduce duplicative fingerprinting.

Sets forth program requirements.

Requires the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to evaluate the program under this Act.

Amends title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act to require state claims processing and information retrieval systems to incorporate compatible methodologies of the National Correct Coding Initiative administered by the Secretary. Directs the Secretary to identify and notify states as to which methodologies should be incorporated.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 18, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 18, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3375-3376)
- **Mar 18, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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