

## S 688

### Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2009

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Mar 24, 2009)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

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

## Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 24, 2009
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 20, 2009
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		May 20, 2009
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 20, 2009
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 9, 2009
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Sep 29, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 29, 2009
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Mar 3, 2010
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 6, 2010

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 24, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1691	Related bill	Oct 8, 2009: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

### Summary (as of Mar 24, 2009)

Breast Cancer Patient Protect Act of 2009 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code to require a group health plan that provides medical and surgical benefits to ensure that inpatient (and in the case of a lumpectomy, outpatient) coverage and radiation therapy are provided for breast cancer treatment. Prohibits such a plan from: (1) restricting benefits for any hospital length of stay to less than 48 hours in connection with a mastectomy or breast conserving surgery or 24 hours in connection with a lymph node dissection, insofar as the attending physician, in consultation with the patient, determines such stay to be medically necessary; or (2) requiring that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or issuer for prescribing any such length of stay.

Requires such a plan or issuer to: (1) provide notice to each participant and beneficiary regarding the coverage required under this Act; and (2) ensure that coverage is provided for secondary consultations.

Prohibits a group health plan from taking specified actions to avoid the requirements of this Act.

Applies such requirements to health insurance issuers offering coverage in the individual market.

Allows a health insurance issuer that provides individual health insurance coverage to nonrenew or discontinue an individual's coverage based on the intentional concealment of material facts regarding a health condition related to the condition for which coverage is being claimed.

### Actions Timeline

- **Mar 24, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
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