

## S 700

### Ending the Medicare Disability Waiting Period Act of 2009

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#### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]

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

#### Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 25, 2009
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 25, 2009
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 31, 2009
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Apr 20, 2009
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 20, 2009
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2009
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 27, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 28, 2009
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 6, 2009
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 6, 2009
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 6, 2009
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		May 11, 2009
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 11, 2009
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 13, 2009
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 1, 2009
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jun 9, 2009
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 7, 2009
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 24, 2009
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 20, 2009
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 24, 2010
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 16, 2010

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 25, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1708	Identical bill	Mar 26, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Mar 25, 2009)

Ending the Medicare Disability Waiting Period Act of 2009 - Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) phase out the waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for benefits under SSA title XVIII (Medicare); and (2) eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions to become eligible for such benefits.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to request the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences to study the range of disability conditions that can be delayed or prevented if individuals receive access to health care services and coverage before a condition reaches disability levels.

## Actions Timeline

- Mar 25, 2009: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 25, 2009: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3791-3792)
- Mar 25, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3792)