

## S 979

### SHOP Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]

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

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		May 5, 2009
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 5, 2009
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		May 11, 2009
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 14, 2009
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		May 14, 2009
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		May 20, 2009
Sen. Burris, Roland [D-IL]	D · IL		May 20, 2009
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 21, 2009
Sen. Specter, Arlen [D-PA]	D · PA		Jun 15, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 23, 2009
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 7, 2009
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Jul 29, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 5, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2360	Identical bill	Jun 11, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

Small Business Health Options Program Act of 2009 or the SHOP Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to designate an office within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to administer a health insurance program for small businesses and self-employed individuals to purchase health insurance coverage meeting certain requirements.

Establishes a Small Business Health Board to monitor the implementation of the program and make recommendations for improvements.

Requires the Administrator of the program to: (1) enter into contracts with health insurance issuers to provide health insurance coverage under this Act; and (2) enter into agreements with entities to serve as navigators to provide information about the program, provide referrals to applicable agencies for any grievance, complaint, or question, and assist in enrollment.

Requires a participating employer to ensure that each eligible employee has an opportunity to enroll in a plan.

Sets forth requirements for health plans offered under this Act. Requires the Administrator to contract with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to study: (1) the rating requirements that apply to health insurance purchased in the small group markets in the states and to develop recommendations concerning rating requirements; and (2) the administrative procedures that apply to the program and to health insurance purchased in the small group markets in states.

Sets forth premium-setting rules for plans under this Act.

Allows a state to prohibit participation in this program if the state offers alternative health benefit plans.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a tax credit for small employers for qualified employee health insurance expenses under this Act.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 5, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 5, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5133-5134)
- **May 5, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5135-5142)