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Health Insurance Rate Review Act

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (8 total)

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Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 25, 2011
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jan 25, 2011
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Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jan 25, 2011
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 25, 2011
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 25, 2011
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 13, 2011
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 24, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 25, 2011

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 416	Identical bill	Feb 9, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Health Insurance Rate Review Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to declare that federal provisions requiring the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to review unreasonable premium increases in health care coverage shall not be construed to prohibit a state from imposing additional rate requirements on health insurance issuers that are more protective of consumers. Expands such review to include all rate increases, not only premium increases.

Directs the Secretary or the relevant state insurance commissioner (or state regulator) to take corrective actions to ensure that any excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory rates are corrected prior to, or as soon as possible after, implementation, including through mechanisms such as denying rates, modifying rates, or requiring rebates to consumers.

Requires the Secretary to determine whether the state insurance commissioner or regulator or the Secretary will undertake such corrective actions based on whether the state can adequately undertake such actions.

Applies these provisions to grandfathered health plans under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 25, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 25, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S204-206)
- **Jan 25, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S206)