

## S 628

### Improving Access to Maternity Care Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 3, 2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 12, 2015
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 16, 2015
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 7, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 16, 2015
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Jul 27, 2015
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 28, 2015
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Oct 7, 2015
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 8, 2016
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 16, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 3, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1209	Identical bill	Nov 15, 2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Health Resources and Services Administration to designate maternity care health professional shortage areas and review these designations at least annually.

The Department of Health and Human Services must collect and publish data on health professional shortage areas so availability of maternal health professionals can be compared by professional category and geographic region.

A maternity care health professional shortage area is: (1) an area determined to have a shortage of providers of full scope maternity care health services or of hospital or birth center labor and delivery units, or (2) a population group determined to have a shortage of such providers or facilities.

Full scope maternity care health services include care during labor, birthing, prenatal care, and postpartum care.

## Actions Timeline

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