

S 2175

BREATH Act of 2017

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Nov 30, 2017

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Nov 30, 2017)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2175>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Nov 30, 2017
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Nov 30, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 30, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 30, 2017)

Beneficiary Respiratory Equipment Access and Transparency to Home Ventilator Care Act of 2017 or the BREATH Act of 2017

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish by January 1, 2018, policies and standards for determining the appropriate use of certain ventilators under the Medicare program. The CMS may delay such establishment until January 1, 2020, for certain ventilators furnished to individuals with specified medical diagnoses.

Subject to budget neutrality requirements, the bill increases the Medicare payment rate for such ventilators for 2018 and subsequent years.

Actions Timeline

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