

## S 3768

### Critical Access Hospital Relief Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Dec 18, 2018

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Dec 18, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/3768>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]

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

## Cosponsors (9 total)

| Cosponsor                      | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]     | D · WI        |      | Dec 18, 2018 |
| Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]     | R · WY        |      | Dec 18, 2018 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO] | D · CO        |      | Dec 18, 2018 |
| Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]    | R · IA        |      | Dec 18, 2018 |
| Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]   | R · OK        |      | Dec 18, 2018 |
| Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]    | R · AK        |      | Dec 18, 2018 |
| Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]       | R · SD        |      | Dec 18, 2018 |
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]        | D · MT        |      | Dec 18, 2018 |
| Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]       | R · ND        |      | Dec 19, 2018 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Finance Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Dec 18, 2018 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 115 HR 5507 | Identical bill | Apr 19, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. |

## **Critical Access Hospital Relief Act of 2018**

This bill repeals the 96-hour physician-certification requirement for inpatient critical access hospital services under Medicare. Under current law, as a condition for Medicare payment for such services, a physician must certify that a patient may reasonably be expected to be discharged or transferred to a hospital within 96 hours after admission to the critical access hospital.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 18, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
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