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MOMMA’s Act

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Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 24, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 24, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 24, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 24, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 24, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 24, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 24, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 24, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Dec 7, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 24, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8862	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 4486	Related bill	Jun 23, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 3407	Identical bill	May 21, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HR 2786	Related bill	Apr 22, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
117 S 1314	Related bill	Apr 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text: CR S2170-2171)

Summary (as of Feb 24, 2021)

Mothers and Offspring Mortality and Morbidity Awareness Act or the MOMMA's Act

This bill establishes various programs and requirements to reduce maternal mortality. It also increases federal tobacco taxes and equalizes the tax treatment of different tobacco products.

Specifically, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) must provide technical assistance and best practices for collecting data, standardizing reporting, and preventing maternal mortality. The CDC must consult with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) on this assistance.

The bill also provides statutory authority for

- CDC grants for state-based collaboratives to improve care immediately before and after birth and to improve maternal and infant health outcomes, and
- a HRSA program to improve the quality and safety of maternity care.

Furthermore, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must establish regional centers through health professional schools and training programs to educate health care providers about implicit bias and culturally competent care.

In addition, the bill expands eligibility for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and other benefits for pregnant and postpartum individuals. Specifically, it

- extends postpartum eligibility for Medicaid and CHIP for one year;
- provides coverage for oral health services for pregnant and postpartum individuals under Medicaid and CHIP; and
- extends postpartum eligibility for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children for two years.

HHS must also take steps to publicize the benefits available to pregnant and postpartum individuals under Medicaid and CHIP, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must provide guidance on Medicaid coverage for doula services.

Actions Timeline

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