

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 248

To allow an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers  
under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 1, 2011

Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, and Ms. LANDRIEU)  
introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

FEBRUARY 7, 2011

Committee discharged; referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To allow an earlier start for State health care coverage  
innovation waivers under the Patient Protection and Af-  
fordable Care Act.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Empowering States  
5 to Innovate Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EARLIER START FOR STATE HEALTH CARE COV-**  
2 **ERAGE INNOVATION WAIVERS.**

3 Section 1332(a) of the Patient Protection and Af-  
4 fordable Care Act is amended—

5 (1) by striking “January 1, 2017” in paragraph  
6 (1) and inserting “January 1, 2014”; and

7 (2) by inserting “beginning not later than 180  
8 days after the date of the enactment of the Empow-  
9 ering States to Innovate Act” after “application” in  
10 paragraph (4)(B)(ii).

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