

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to compulsory health insurance coverage;
 3 providing a declaration of state public policy protecting
 4 persons from government compulsion to purchase health
 5 insurance coverage; providing exceptions; providing
 6 construction; authorizing the Attorney General to initiate
 7 and advocate such public policy in federal or state court
 8 or administrative forum on behalf of certain persons under
 9 certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13 Section 1. (1) Consistent with the constitutional
 14 liberties of residents of this state, it is hereby declared to
 15 be the public policy of this state that no person may be
 16 compelled by federal, state, or local government to purchase
 17 health insurance or health services, except:

18 (a) As a condition of:

- 19 1. Public employment;
 20 2. Voluntary participation in a state or local benefit;
 21 3. Operating a dangerous instrumentality; or
 22 4. Undertaking an occupation having a risk of occupational
 23 injury or illness; or

24 (b) In case of an actual emergency declared by the
 25 Governor when the public health is immediately endangered.

26 (2) This section may not be construed to prohibit
 27 collection of debts lawfully and consensually incurred for
 28 health insurance or health services.

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29 Section 2. The Attorney General is hereby specifically
30 authorized and shall have standing to initiate and otherwise
31 advocate such public policy in any state or federal court or
32 administrative forum on behalf of one or more persons within the
33 state whose constitutional rights may be subject to infringement
34 by an act of the United States Congress with respect to health
35 insurance coverage or subject to the implementation of a federal
36 legislative program relating to or impacting the rights or
37 interests of persons with respect to health insurance coverage.

38 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.