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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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Senator Garcia moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the resolving clause  
and insert:

That the Florida Legislature urges the United States  
Congress to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care  
Act signed into law by President Obama in 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.



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14 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

15 And the title is amended as follows:

16 Delete everything before the resolving clause  
17 and insert:

18 Senate Memorial

19 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
20 urging Congress to repeal the Patient Protection and  
21 Affordable Care Act signed into law by President Obama  
22 in 2010.

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24 WHEREAS, the health insurance mandate of the Patient  
25 Protection and Affordable Care Act is a form of government  
26 interference in the free market and an all-out assault on  
27 personal liberties, and

28 WHEREAS, the mandate for individuals to purchase health  
29 insurance exceeds the scope and authority of the United States  
30 Congress, and

31 WHEREAS, as the United States economy continues to struggle  
32 and the unemployment rate holds steadfast at alarming  
33 percentages, the employer mandate to provide health insurance to  
34 employees will raise the cost of hiring new employees and have  
35 an adverse effect on the state of our economy, and

36 WHEREAS, regulations recently issued by the United States  
37 Department of Health and Human Services, 77 Fed. Reg. 8,725  
38 (Feb. 15, 2012), pursuant to authority in the Patient Protection  
39 and Affordable Care Act require all health insurers to cover  
40 certain services and products that violate the religious  
41 freedoms of some health insurance consumers, and

42 WHEREAS, although the federal regulations exempt some



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43 religious organizations, the regulations require all health  
44 insurers, even those insuring religious organizations, to  
45 provide coverage for services that are contrary to the religious  
46 beliefs and practices of certain faiths, and

47 WHEREAS, the mandated services and products must be  
48 provided without deductibles or copayments such that religious  
49 employers, including hospitals, universities, and service  
50 organizations, must pay the full cost of implementation of the  
51 regulations that violate their religious freedoms, and

52 WHEREAS, these overreaching regulations constitute an  
53 assault on the free exercise of religion and the rights of  
54 individuals and organizations afforded under the First Amendment  
55 to operate according to their consciences, and

56 WHEREAS, passage of the Respect for Rights of Conscience  
57 Act of 2011 (H.R.1179/S.1467) would permit a health insurer to  
58 offer coverage without the specific services and products that  
59 are contrary to the religious beliefs of employers or individual  
60 purchasers, without penalty, and

61 WHEREAS, passage of the Respect for Rights of Conscience  
62 Act of 2011 (H.R.1179/S.1467) would be unnecessary if the  
63 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is repealed, and

64 WHEREAS, repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
65 Care Act would eliminate the authority for the federal  
66 regulations and restore the right to free exercise of religion,  
67 which is currently under assault by those regulations, NOW,  
68 THEREFORE,