

## **CS/CS/HJR 37 — Health Care Services**

by Rules and Calendar Council; Health Care Regulation Policy Committee; and Rep. Plakon and others (CS/SJR 72 by Health Regulation Committee and Senators Baker, Fasano, Storms, Negrón, Bennett, Haridopolos, Gaetz, Oelrich, Richter, Dockery and Gardiner)

This is a joint resolution proposing the creation of s. 28 of Art. I of the State Constitution to preserve the freedom of Florida residents to provide for their own health care by:

- Ensuring that any person, employer, or health care provider is not compelled to participate in any health care system;
- Authorizing a person or employer to pay directly, without using a third party such as an insurer or employer, for health care services without incurring penalties or fines; and
- Authorizing a health care provider to accept direct payment for health care services without incurring penalties or fines.

The joint resolution also prohibits a law or rule from prohibiting the purchase or sale of health insurance in private health care systems and specifies certain aspects of health care that are not affected by this constitutional amendment. The joint resolution includes the statement that is to be placed on the ballot for the upcoming statewide election.

If adopted by the voters at the 2010 General Election, this resolution will take effect January 4, 2010.

*Vote: Senate 26-11; House 74-42*