HOUSE BILL No. 2129

By Representatives Landwehr, Mosier, Denning, Rubin, Alford, Arpke, Boman, Brown, Bruchman, Brunk, Calloway, Carlson, Cassidy, Collins, DeGraaf, Donohoe, Fawcett, Garber, Goico, Gonzalez, Goodman, Gordon, Gregory, Grosserode, Hayzlett, Hermanson, Hildabrand, Hoffman, M. Holmes, Howell, Huebert, Johnson, Kelley, Kerschen, Kiegerl, Kinzer, Kleeb, Mast, McLeland, Meigs, Mesa, Montgomery, O'Brien, O'Hara, O'Neal, Osterman, Otto, Patton, Powell, Prescott, Rhoades, Ryckman, Scapa, Schwartz, Seiwert, Siegfreid, Smith, Spalding, Suellentrop, Vickrey, B. Wolf, K. Wolf and Worley

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AN ACT enacting the health care freedom act.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) A citizen of this state has the right to purchase health insurance or refuse to purchase health insurance. The government shall not interfere with a citizen's right to purchase health insurance or with a citizen's right to refuse to purchase health insurance. The government shall not enact a law that would restrict these rights or that would impose a form of punishment for exercising either of these rights. No provision of this section shall render a resident of this state liable for any penalty, assessment, fee or fine as a result of such resident's failure to procure or obtain health insurance coverage. Any law to the contrary shall be null and void.

(b) This section shall be known and may be cited as the health care freedom act.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.