

SENATE BILL No. 167

By Senators Pilcher-Cook, Abrams, Apple, Bruce, Love, Lynn, Masterson,
Merrick, Olson, Ostmeier, Petersen, Pyle and Taddiken

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1 AN ACT enacting the health care freedom act.

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

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

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

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

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