

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 72 Health Care Services by Senator Baker

Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system; permit a person or employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from a health care provider; permit a health care provider to accept direct payment from a person or employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, and health care providers from penalties and fines for paying or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; and permit the purchase or sale of health insurance in private health care systems. Specifies that the amendment does not affect which health care services a health care provider or hospital is required to perform or provide; affect which health care services are permitted by law; prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation; affect laws or rules in effect as of January 1, 2010; or affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider or hospital for accepting direct payment from a person or employer for lawful health care services. (See bill for details)