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3 By Senator Williams  
4 RFD: Health  
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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to health insurance; to adopt the Licensure  
12 Freedom Act, to prohibit the conditioning of licensing of  
13 certain health care providers on participation in health  
14 insurance plans and other activities.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. (a) State licensure requirements for  
17 physicians, chiropractors, optometrists and dentists in this  
18 state shall be granted based on demonstrated skill and  
19 academic competence. Licensure approval for physicians,  
20 chiropractors, optometrists, and dentists in this state may  
21 not be conditioned upon or related to participation in any  
22 public or private health insurance plan, public health care  
23 system, public service initiative, or emergency room coverage.

24 (b) The licensure of dentists, osteopaths,  
25 chiropractors, optometrists, and physicians shall be conducted  
26 exclusively pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 34; Division 1,  
27 commencing with Section 34-24-50, of Article 3 of Chapter 24

1 of Title 34; Article 4, commencing with Section 34-24-120, of  
2 Chapter 24 of Title 34; Chapter 22 of Title 34; and Division  
3 1, commencing with Section 34-24-310, of Article 8 of Title  
4 34, respectively, Code of Alabama 1975.

5 (c) Physician or optometric licensure shall not be  
6 conditioned upon or related to compliance with the "meaningful  
7 use" of electronic health records as set forth in C.F.R. Part  
8 170.

9 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
10 first day of the third month following its passage and  
11 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Patrick Harris  
Secretary