

SENATE BILL NO. 310—SENATORS CEGAVSKE AND HARDY

MARCH 21, 2011

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Enacts the Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act.  
(BDR 40-69)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public health; enacting the Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act to provide persons in this State with certain choices concerning the manner in which to obtain health care services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 This bill enacts the Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act in the State of  
2 Nevada to provide that residents of this State have the right to enter into contracts  
3 with providers of health care directly to obtain health care services and to purchase  
4 private insurance to cover health services provided to the person. This bill also  
5 includes a pledge from the Legislature that it will not enact legislation which  
6 requires a person to participate in any health care system or plan or which imposes  
7 any type of penalty against a person for declining health care coverage or for  
8 participating in any particular health care system or plan.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. This section may be cited as the Freedom of Choice in*  
4 *Health Care Act.*

5 *2. A person in the State of Nevada has the right to enter into*  
6 *private contracts with providers of health care for the provision of*  
7 *health care services and to purchase private health care coverage.*



1     **3. The Legislature hereby pledges that it will not enact**  
2 **legislation:**

3     **(a) Requiring a person to participate in any health care system**  
4 **or plan; or**

5     **(b) That imposes a penalty or fine, of any type, for choosing to**  
6 **obtain or decline health care coverage or for participating in any**  
7 **particular health care system or plan.**

8     **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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