

SENATE BILL 2560

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56;  
Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health  
care coverage.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Health Care Freedom Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

56-7-10\_\_\_. The people of Tennessee have a right to enter into private contracts with health care providers for health care services and to purchase private health care coverage. The legislature shall not require any person to participate in any health care system or plan, nor shall it impose a penalty or fine, of any type, for choosing to obtain or decline health care coverage or for participation in any particular health care system or plan.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.