



Tennessee governor signs health care freedom into law

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On Friday, Gov. Bill Haslam signed the Tennessee Health Care Freedom Act ([SB0079](http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/billinfo/default.aspx?BillNumber=SB0079)), making health care freedom the law of the land in Tennessee. The Tennessee Health Care Freedom Act is a direct response to the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act by Congress last year.

While SB0079 does not seek to nullify the federal law in its entirety, the goal of the new law is to ensure that Tennesseans are free to choose whether to participate in the federal plan, choose another plan, or not participate in any plan at all.

The Tennessee Health Care Freedom Act states:

It is declared that the public policy of this state, consistent with our constitutionally recognized and inalienable right of liberty, is that every person within this state is and shall be free to choose or to decline to choose any mode of securing health care services without penalty or threat of penalty.

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inalienable right of liberty, is that every person within this state has the right to purchase health insurance or to refuse to purchase health insurance. The government may not interfere with a citizen's right to purchase health insurance or with a citizen's right to refuse to purchase health insurance. The government may not enact a law that would restrict these rights or that would impose a form of punishment for exercising either of these rights. Any law to the contrary shall be void ab initio.

Republican Sen. Mae Beavers of Mt. Juliet sponsored the bill. It was approved 21-10 by the Senate and 70-27 in the House.

"Tennesseans do not want the government running their health care," Beavers said.

Both the Tennessee House and Senate passed similar legislation in 2010, but could not reconcile the two bills. The new law omits the main sticking point, a provision requiring the Tennessee attorney general to file suit against the federal health care act.

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poor idiots.

Do you not realize you were never to accept their "healthcare"? The Renfield Class in D.C. KNEW you'd fight it. Ever hear the term "end run"? The skank Pelosi and her minions that drafted the piece of sh*t didn't do it because they care for you. Would a government that gives a tinker's damn about you use depleted uranium munitions that not only ruin the earth for millenia, but create heart breaking little freaks out of babies AND ruins the lives of their mindless invading troops as well?

By drawing up that evil mess, (again, knowing you'd reject it, then pat your idiot selves on the back and chirp about how you "showed THEM!", they could sniff a bit, laugh up their sleeves and then sigh and say well, we TRIED to give you healthcare..."

The maggots just granted themselves a 3k COLA while at the same time planned on DOUBLING our extortion payments to medicare by 2014. On the bright side, they always have enough money for their T. Jew bankers, Wall Street and WARS OF AGGRESSION. How's it feel.....being Israel's main "b i t c h" nation, huh?

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