

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0003

Freedom of choice in health care.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hines and Representative(s)
Hallinan

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution; providing for freedom of choice in health
3 care; prohibiting laws interfering with freedom of choice
4 in health care.

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6 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*
7 two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting
8 separately, concurring therein:

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10 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
11 Constitution, Article 7, Section 20 is proposed for
12 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
13 next general election for approval or rejection to become
14 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
15 majority of the electors at the election:

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1 **Article 7, Section 20. Duty of legislature to protect**
2 **and promote health and morality of people.**

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4 (a) As the health and morality of the people are
5 essential to their well-being, and to the peace and
6 permanence of the state, it shall be the duty of the
7 legislature to protect and promote these vital interests by
8 such measures for the encouragement of temperance and
9 virtue, and such restrictions upon vice and immorality of
10 every sort, as are deemed necessary to the public welfare.

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12 (b) All people have the right to make decisions about
13 their health care. No law shall be passed that restricts a
14 person's freedom of choice of private health care systems
15 or private plans of any type. No law shall interfere with
16 a person's or entity's right to pay directly for lawful
17 medical services, nor shall any law impose a penalty or
18 fine of any type for choosing to obtain or decline health
19 care coverage or for participation in any particular health
20 care system or plan.

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22 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
23 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

1 The adoption of this amendment will prohibit laws that
2 restrict an individual's ability to participate in private
3 health care systems or private health care plans. The
4 amendment would also prohibit laws which restrict an
5 individual's or entity's right to pay directly for lawful
6 medical services. The amendment would prohibit laws
7 imposing fines or other penalties upon an individual or
8 entity for choosing to obtain or decline health care
9 coverage or to participate in any health care system or
10 plan.

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