

May 13, 2010

**S 1157. 10TH AMENDMENT/HEALTH REFORM.** Filed 5/13/10. *TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA RELATING TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES.*

Subject to approval by voters at the statewide election on November 2, 2010, adds new Section 6 to Article 14 of the North Carolina Constitution preserving the right of North Carolinians to provide for their health care services. Provides that a law or rule will not compel any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system. Provides that a person or employer may pay directly for lawful health care services, and that a health care provider may accept direct payment, without penalty. Provides that, subject to reasonable and necessary rules that do not substantially limit a person's options, the purchase or sale of health insurance in private health care systems will not be prohibited. Provides that the amendment does not (1) affect the health care services that a provider is required to perform or provide; (2) affect which health care services are permitted by law; (3) prohibit care relating to workers' compensation laws; (4) affect laws or rules in effect as of January 1, 2010 or; (5) affect the terms and conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not punish a person or employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment. Provides definitions for terms included in the amendment.

**Intro. by Forrester.**

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