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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to compulsory health insurance coverage;  
 3           providing a declaration of state public policy protecting  
 4           persons from government compulsion relating to purchasing  
 5           health insurance coverage; providing exceptions;  
 6           authorizing the Attorney General to initiate and advocate  
 7           such public policy in federal or state court or  
 8           administrative forum on behalf of certain persons under  
 9           certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Consistent with the constitutional liberties of  
 14 Floridians, it is hereby declared the public policy of this  
 15 state that no person may be compelled by federal, state, or  
 16 local government to purchase health insurance or health  
 17 services, except as a condition of:

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1. public employment,
  2. voluntary participation in a state or local benefit,
  3. operating a dangerous instrumentality, or
  4. undertaking an occupation having a risk of occupational  
injury or illness,
- or in case of an actual emergency declared by the Governor when  
the public health is immediately endangered. Nothing in this  
section shall be construed to prohibit collection of debts  
lawfully and consensually incurred for health insurance or  
health services.

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28           Section 2. The Attorney General is hereby specifically  
 29 authorized, and shall have standing, to initiate and otherwise  
 30 advocate such public policy in any state or federal court or  
 31 administrative forum on behalf of one or more persons within the  
 32 state whose constitutional rights may be subject to infringement  
 33 by an act of Congress respecting health insurance coverage, or  
 34 subject to the implementation of a federal legislative program  
 35 relating to or impacting the rights or interests of persons  
 36 respecting health insurance coverage.

37           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.