

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

INSURANCE/HEALTH. Prohibits coverage of elective abortions by health insurance issuers

DIGEST

Proposed law provides for legislative findings.

Proposed law provides for the definition of "abortion".

Proposed law provides that no health care plan required to be established in this state through an exchange pursuant to federal health reform legislation enacted by the 111th Congress shall offer coverage for abortion services.

Proposed law shall not be construed to recognize any independent right to abortion under the constitution or laws of this state.

Proposed law shall not be construed to recognize the constitutional validity of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (federal health care reform act) of 2010.

Proposed law provides that its provisions shall be severable.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 22:1016)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill.

- 1. Deleted portions of legislative findings.
- 2. Clarified that proposed law applies only to health insurance contracts that are regulated by the Dept. of Insurance.
- 3. Clarified that the provisions of proposed law are severable.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill.

- 1. Removes certain legislative findings.
- 2. Removes definitions of "health insurance coverage" and "health insurance issuer".
- 3. Removes provisions which prohibit a health insurance issuer from including benefits payable for elective abortion unless such insurance or plan is offered through an exchange established pursuant to health reform legislation enacted by the 111th Congress.
- 4. Technical amendments.