

Senate Resolution 795

By: Senators Harp of the 29th, Grant of the 25th, Crosby of the 13th, Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that no law shall be passed that
2 restricts a person's freedom of choice of private health care systems or private plans of any
3 type, interferes with a person's or entity's right to pay directly for lawful medical services,
4 or imposes a penalty or fine, of any type, for choosing to obtain or decline health care
5 coverage or for participation in any particular health care system or plan; to provide for the
6 submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Section I of Article I of the Constitution is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as
10 follows:

11 "Paragraph XXX. Because all people should have the right to make decisions about their
12 health care, no law shall be passed that restricts a person's freedom of choice of private
13 health care systems or private plans of any type; interferes with a person's or entity's right
14 to pay directly for lawful medical services; or imposes a penalty or fine, of any type, for
15 choosing to obtain or decline health care coverage or for participation in any particular
16 health care system or plan."

17 SECTION 2.

18 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
19 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
20 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

21 " YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that no law
22 shall be passed that restricts a person's freedom of choice of private health
23 NO care systems or private plans of any type; interferes with a person's or
24 entity's right to pay directly for lawful medical services; or imposes a
25 penalty or fine, of any type, for choosing to obtain or decline health care
26 coverage or for participation in any particular health care system or plan?"

27 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
28 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
29 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
30 become a part of the Constitution of this state.