

Senate Resolution 228

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, McKoon of the 29th, Hill of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Loudermilk of the 14th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the repeal of the \$100 billion federal sales tax on health insurance imposed by
2 the Affordable Care Act; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
4 (P. L. 111-148), and Section 1406 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (P.
5 L. 111-152), impose an unprecedented new tax on health insurance that numerous policy
6 experts agree will be passed on to individuals, working families, small employers, and
7 seniors, contradicting a primary goal of health reform by making care more expensive; and

8 WHEREAS, the health insurance tax will cause premiums in the individual market to rise
9 an average of \$2,150 for individuals and \$5,080 for families nationally over a ten-year
10 period; and

11 WHEREAS, the tax will impose a \$3 billion fee on Georgians; and

12 WHEREAS, the health insurance tax will impact small employers over the next ten years,
13 reducing future private sector jobs by 125,000, with 59 percent at small businesses, and
14 reducing potential sales by at least \$18 billion, with 50 percent at small businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, the tax could cost Georgians with a Medicare Advantage Plan an average of
16 \$3,453 more in higher premiums and reduced benefits over ten years; and

17 WHEREAS, Georgia's Medicaid health plan costs could increase \$1,095 over ten years,
18 putting pressure on our already strained state budget; and

19 WHEREAS, higher premiums are a disincentive for everyone to obtain insurance coverage,
20 particularly younger, healthier people, who are likely to drop their policies if they become
21 too expensive, further eroding the risk pool and making coverage even less affordable.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 request that the United States Congress enact legislation to repeal the health insurance tax,
24 Sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Section 1406
25 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, to make health care more affordable
26 for working families, individuals, and businesses.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to members of the Georgia congressional
29 delegation and to the President of the United States.