

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 369—ASSEMBLYMAN STEWART

MARCH 21, 2011

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Enacts the Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act.
(BDR 40-705)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public health; enacting the Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act to provide persons in this State with certain choices concerning the manner in which to obtain health care services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill enacts the Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act in the State of
2 Nevada to provide that residents of this State have the right to enter into contracts
3 with providers of health care directly to obtain health care services and to purchase
4 private insurance to cover health services provided to the person. This bill also
5 includes a pledge from the Legislature that it will not enact legislation which
6 requires a person to participate in any health care system or plan or which imposes
7 any type of penalty against a person for declining health care coverage or for
8 participating in any particular health care system or plan.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
3 ***1. This section may be cited as the Freedom of Choice in***
4 ***Health Care Act.***
5 ***2. A person in the State of Nevada has the right to enter into***
6 ***private contracts with providers of health care for the provision of***
7 ***health care services and to purchase private health care coverage.***



1 **3. The Legislature hereby pledges that it will not enact**
2 **legislation:**

3 **(a) Requiring a person to participate in any health care system**
4 **or plan; or**

5 **(b) That imposes a penalty or fine, of any type, for choosing to**
6 **obtain or decline health care coverage or for participating in any**
7 **particular health care system or plan.**

8 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

