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3 By Senator Williams
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit the conditioning
9 of licensing of certain health care providers on
10 participation in health insurance plans and other
11 activities.

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13 A BILL
14 TO BE ENTITLED
15 AN ACT

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17 Relating to health insurance; to adopt the Licensure
18 Freedom Act, to prohibit the conditioning of licensing of
19 certain health care providers on participation in health
20 insurance plans and other activities.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. (a) State licensure requirements for
23 physicians, chiropractors, and dentists in this state shall be
24 granted based on demonstrated skill and academic competence.
25 Licensure approval for physicians, chiropractors,
26 optometrists, and dentists in this state may not be

1 conditioned upon or related to participation in any public or
2 private health insurance plan, public health care system,
3 public service initiative, or emergency room coverage.

4 (b) The licensure of dentists, osteopaths,
5 chiropractors, optometrists, and physicians shall be conducted
6 exclusively pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 34; Division 1,
7 commencing with Section 34-24-50, of Article 3 of Chapter 24
8 of Title 34; Article 4, commencing with Section 34-24-120, of
9 Chapter 24 of Title 34; Chapter 22 of Title 34; and Division
10 1, commencing with Section 34-24-310, of Article 8 of Title
11 34, respectively, Code of Alabama 1975.

12 (c) Physician licensure shall not be conditioned
13 upon or related to physician compliance with the "meaningful
14 use" of electronic health records as set forth in C.F.R. Part
15 170.

16 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
17 first day of the third month following its passage and
18 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.