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3 By Senator Williams
4 RFD: Health
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to health insurance; to adopt the Licensure
6 Freedom Act, to prohibit the conditioning of licensing of
7 certain health care providers on participation in health
8 insurance plans and other activities.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. (a) State licensure requirements for
11 physicians, chiropractors, optometrists and dentists in this
12 state shall be granted based on demonstrated skill and
13 academic competence. Licensure approval for physicians,
14 chiropractors, optometrists, and dentists in this state may
15 not be conditioned upon or related to participation in any
16 public or private health insurance plan, public health care
17 system, public service initiative, or emergency room coverage.

18 (b) The licensure of dentists, osteopaths,
19 chiropractors, optometrists, and physicians shall be conducted
20 exclusively pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 34; Division 1,
21 commencing with Section 34-24-50, of Article 3 of Chapter 24
22 of Title 34; Article 4, commencing with Section 34-24-120, of
23 Chapter 24 of Title 34; Chapter 22 of Title 34; and Division
24 1, commencing with Section 34-24-310, of Article 8 of Title
25 34, respectively, Code of Alabama 1975.

1 (c) Physician or optometric licensure shall not be
2 conditioned upon or related to compliance with the "meaningful
3 use" of electronic health records as set forth in C.F.R. Part
4 170.

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Passed: 20-MAR-14

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