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**HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION**

**Citations Affected:** Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

**Synopsis:** Health care rights. Provides patients certain health care rights. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

**Effective:** This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

**Summers**

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning health.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the  
2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred  
3 Twenty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is  
4 referred to the next General Assembly for reconsideration and  
5 agreement.

6 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
7 STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED BY ADDING A NEW  
8 SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS: **Section 40. (a) A person has**  
9 **the right:**

10 (1) to ask pregnancy health related questions and receive the  
11 answers;  
12 (2) to tour a birth center;  
13 (3) to choose a health care provider;

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- 1 (4) to refuse services from a health care provider;
- 2 (5) to request a specific health care provider;
- 3 (6) to specify the gender of a health care provider;
- 4 (7) to refuse a health care service, procedure, or medication;
- 5 (8) to be accompanied by a doula;
- 6 (9) to submit a birth plan to a health care provider and
- 7 require the health care provider to follow the plan;
- 8 (10) to be informed of the types of delivery services offered by
- 9 the hospital where a baby is to be delivered;
- 10 (11) to be able to ask about the costs of a cesarean section at
- 11 a hospital and to receive the answers;
- 12 (12) to be able to ask about the costs of birthing and delivery
- 13 services and to receive the answers;
- 14 (13) to be able to receive alternative birthing methods;
- 15 (14) to be able to refuse a cervical check;
- 16 (15) to be able to ask about the details of medical procedures
- 17 and obtain answers; and
- 18 (16) to be able to have a medication plan and the ability to
- 19 change the medication plan.
- 20 (b) A person has the following right concerning labor:
- 21 (1) To be mobile.
- 22 (2) To stand up.
- 23 (3) To change positions during labor.
- 24 (4) To have whom the patient wants in the labor room.
- 25 (5) To be informed of and be able to refuse an episiotomy.
- 26 (6) To delay umbilical cord cutting.
- 27 (7) To keep a placenta.
- 28 (8) To refuse third stage labor management.
- 29 (9) To refuse labor inducing medication.
- 30 (10) To refuse a cervical check.
- 31 (11) To keep the baby in the room.
- 32 (12) To have the baby skin to skin.
- 33 (13) To refuse circumcision.
- 34 (14) To refuse drugs.
- 35 (15) To keep medical information private.

