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Senator Jim Lembke Praises Passage of Health Care Freedom Act

Measure Goes to Secretary of State's Office for Placement on August Ballot

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Jim Lembke, R-St. Louis, announces today Missouri voters are the first to have the opportunity to vote on whether they will accept or decline a federal law that will force them to buy health insurance. This referendum was added as an amendment, adamantly supported by Sen. Lembke, to a comprehensive insurance bill, [House Bill 1764](#). This amendment, known as the “Health Care Freedom Act,” has now passed the Missouri General Assembly and goes to the [Secretary of State](#) to be placed on the August ballot.

The Health Care Freedom Act will appear before voters on August 3 and, if approved, no federal law could force a patient, employer or health care provider to participate in any government or privately run health care system. This bill does not reject any health care option but ensures that the participant has the choice to participate in any health care plan that they desire. The measure expands Missourians options and does not limit them.

“The people’s voices will have the opportunity to be heard and will no longer be ignored by government,” Sen. Lembke said. “This bill, if approved by the people, will protect Missourians from a government that has overstepped its constitutionally delegated powers. The Health Care Freedom Act will insure that Missourians will be able to choose their own health care services without fear of the government. Our founders limited the powers of government with the constitution in order to prevent government from seizing the rights of the people. By putting health care freedom to a vote of the people we are making government, once again, submissive to the people.”

The Health Care Freedom Act had 20 Senate co-sponsors and is emulated in 42 other states.

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