CHAPTER 2011-126

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1193

An act relating to health insurance; creating s. 624.24, F.S.; prohibiting a person from being compelled to purchase health insurance except under specified conditions; specifying that the act does not prohibit the collection of certain debts; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 624.24, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

<u>624.24</u> Prohibition against requiring the purchase of health insurance; <u>exceptions.</u>

(1) A person may not be compelled to purchase health insurance, except as a condition of:

(a) Public employment;

(b) Voluntary participation in a state or local benefit;

(c) Operating a dangerous instrumentality;

(d) Undertaking an occupation having a risk of occupational injury or illness;

(e) An order of child support; or

(f) Activity between private persons.

 $\underline{(2)}$ This section does not prohibit the collection of debts lawfully incurred for health insurance.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 2, 2011.

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