

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLLIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Exempts Louisiana residents from the assessment of penalties for noncompliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 22:1019, relative to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010,  
3 P.L. 111-148; to provide for an exemption for Louisiana residents from the penalties  
4 imposed for noncompliance with the provisions of the Patient Protection and  
5 Affordable Care Act; to require state officials to request waivers from certain  
6 provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and to provide for  
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 22:1019 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1019. Exemption from penalties for noncompliance

11 A. No resident of this state shall be required to pay any cost, fee, tax, or  
12 penalty for failure to obtain or maintain health insurance coverage.

13 B. The heads of all executive branch departments and agencies shall exercise  
14 all authority and discretion available to them to request waivers, deferments,  
15 exemptions from, or delay the implementation of any provision or requirement of the  
16 provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, P.L. 111-148,  
17 that would impose a cost, fee, tax, penalty, or regulatory burden on individuals,  
18 families, healthcare providers, health insurers, patients, recipients of healthcare  
19 services, purchasers of health insurance, or makers of medical devices, products, or  
20 medications.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Exempts residents of Louisiana from any penalty imposed under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 for failing to obtain health insurance.

Proposed law exempts Louisiana residents from the penalties imposed by the Affordable Care Act for failing to obtain health insurance.

Proposed law further requires the heads of executive branch departments and agencies to request waivers from the penalty provisions of the Affordable Care Act, where applicable.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 22:1019)