

State Corporation Commission 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB10

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Marshall, R.G.

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: **Health Care Freedom Act; individual's right and power to participate in health care system, etc.**

5. Summary: Adds the Virginia Health Care Freedom Act. The section provides that a law cannot restrict an individual's natural right and power of contract and the liberty to choose private health care systems or private plans. A law cannot interfere with an individual's right to pay for lawful medical services. A law cannot impose a penalty, tax, fee or fine on an individual who chooses to decline or contract for health coverage or participate in any health system or plan, except when a court requires an individual to do so in a judicial dispute. The bill does not expand, limit, or modify what services are considered lawful medical services in Virginia. The bill does not apply to individuals seeking voluntary coverage under state-administered programs pursuant to federal laws for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program.

6. No Fiscal Impact on the State Corporation Commission

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: The Bureau of Insurance offered comments to the patron of House Bill 10, which were included in the amendment in the nature of a substitute to the bill.

Date: 02/18/10 V. Tompkins

cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources