

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2965

By: Taylor and Gray of the
House

and

Long of the Senate

An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 1991, Section 6057, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 76, O.S.L. 1996 (36 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 6057), which relates to the Health Care Freedom of Choice Act; adding certain surgical centers which an insured is allowed to choose; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 1991, Section 6057, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 76, O.S.L. 1996 (36 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 6057), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6057. A. Any provision, exclusion or limitation in an accident and health insurance policy which:

1. Denies an insured, or the insured's parent or guardian if the insured is a minor, the free choice of any practitioner or the use of any hospital or ambulatory surgical center where the practitioner is authorized to practice, doctor's office or clinic; or

2. Otherwise conflicts with any provision of the Health Care Freedom of Choice Act;

shall, to the extent of the denial or conflict, be void, but such voidance shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of the policy.

B. Any policy form presently approved for use containing any provision, exclusion or limitation determined by the Insurance Commissioner to be in conflict with any provision of the Health Care Freedom of Choice Act shall be brought into compliance with the act by the filing of a rider, an endorsement, or a new or revised policy form approved by the Commissioner.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President of the Senate