

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3248

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to public health; creating the Health
7 Care Excellence Act; directing certain persons to
8 develop a plan for mandatory health insurance;
9 specifying contents of plan; providing for submission
of plan to certain persons; providing for
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9050.1 of Title 74, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Health Care
17 Excellence Act".

18 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9050.2 of Title 74, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority in conjunction with the
22 Insurance Department shall develop a health care access plan for
23 mandatory health insurance for all citizens of this state. The plan
24 shall include, but not be limited to:

- 1 1. Health insurance market reforms to allow for more affordable
2 insurance;
- 3 2. An evaluation of current systems in place to help implement
4 the mandatory health insurance plan;
- 5 3. Subsidized coverage on a sliding scale for those persons
6 earning up to two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal
7 poverty level and not eligible for Medicaid;
- 8 4. Provisions requiring employers with fifteen (15) or more
9 employees to provide at least partial coverage for employees. Those
10 employers who do not provide partial coverage shall be required to
11 pay a designated amount per year per worker to be deposited in a
12 fund created for subsidized coverage;
- 13 5. Provisions for waiving premiums on private insurance for
14 adults whose income is below one hundred percent (100%) of the
15 federal poverty level and who do not qualify for Medicaid; and
- 16 6. Provisions for the establishment of an entity to assist
17 individuals and employers in finding affordable private coverage.
- 18 B. The plan shall include a penalty equal to or half of the
19 cost of health insurance, or loss of personal income tax exemption
20 for those persons who do not have insurance. Penalties shall be
21 deposited in a fund created for subsidized coverage.
- 22 C. The health access plan shall be submitted to the Speaker of
23 the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of
24 the State Senate, and the Governor no later than December 31, 2010.

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SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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