Bill Summary

COMMITTEE: Banking and Insurance **DATE:** 2/27/12

PRIME SPONSOR: Scarnati BILL NO: SB10

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A. Synopsis:

Senate Bill 10 is a joint resolution to propose an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution to state that a person is not required by law to purchase health insurance coverage.

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Specifically, Senate Bill 10 states a person shall be entitled to the freedom of providing for one's own health care.

With the exception of providing indemnity and medical benefits to injured workers, SB10 states no law shall be enacted that 1) requires anyone to purchase health insurance coverage, 2) prohibits a person from being penalized for making direct payment to a health care provider, and 3) renders a person liable for any penalty as a result of a person's failure to obtain health insurance.