

Senators Hansen, Marleau, Moolenaar, Green, Rocca, Jansen, Kowall, Pavlov, Hildenbrand, Booher, Walker, Kahn, Meekhof, Emmons, Jones, Colbeck, Richardville, Casperson, Pappageorge and Proos offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 120.

A resolution to affirm the rights of the citizens of the state of Michigan to make their own health care decisions, express support for an interstate health care compact, and memorialize Congress to ratify an interstate compact.

Whereas, The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people"; and

Whereas, The Ninth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides: "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people"; and

Whereas, The separation of powers, both between the branches of the federal government and between federal and state authority, is essential to the preservation of individual liberty; and

Whereas, The Constitution creates a federal government of limited and enumerated powers and reserves to the states or to the people those powers not granted to the federal government; and

Whereas, States seeking to protect their citizens' individual liberty and personal control over health care decisions believe the best method to achieve these ends is by vesting regulatory authority over health care in the states through an interstate compact; and

Whereas, By acting in concert through an interstate compact, the member states express and inspire confidence in their ability to collectively meet the health care needs of their citizens; and

Whereas, Passage of Senate Bill No. 973 shows support for an interstate health care compact by the Senate of the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we affirm the rights of the citizens of the state of Michigan to make their own health care decisions, express support for an interstate health care compact, and memorialize Congress to ratify an interstate compact; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Michigan Attorney General, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and members of the Michigan congressional delegation.