

PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.C.M. 2003

(Reference to printed memorial)

1 Strike everything after the representing clause and insert:

2 "Whereas, sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and
3 Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) and section 1406 of the Health Care and
4 Education Reconciliation Act (P.L. 111-152) impose an unprecedented new tax
5 on health insurance that numerous policy experts agree will be passed on to
6 individuals, working families, small employers and seniors, contradicting a
7 primary goal of health reform by making care more expensive; and

8 Whereas, the health insurance tax will cause premiums on the individual
9 market to rise an average of \$2,150 for individuals and \$5,080 for families
10 nationally over a ten-year period, will increase premiums in Arizona by an
11 average of \$1,964 over ten years and will increase premiums for families in
12 Arizona over \$3,958 over ten years; and

13 Whereas, the health insurance tax will impact small employers over the
14 next ten years by reducing future private sector jobs by 125,000, with 59% of
15 these reductions affecting small businesses, and reducing potential sales by
16 at least \$18 billion, with 50% affecting small businesses; and

17 Whereas, the health insurance tax will increase premiums for small
18 employers in Arizona by an average of \$2,674 per employee over ten years and
19 for large employers by an average of \$2,645 per employee over ten years; and

20 Whereas, the health insurance tax will impact Medicare Advantage
21 beneficiaries in Arizona by costing an average of \$3,303 more in premiums and
22 reduced benefits over ten years; and

23 Whereas, the health insurance tax will impact Medicaid beneficiaries in
24 Arizona who are enrolled in a coordinated care program by costing an average
25 of \$1,337 over ten years, putting pressure on already strained state budgets,
26 decreasing benefits and potentially creating coverage disruption; and

27 Whereas, higher premiums are a disincentive for everyone to obtain
28 insurance coverage, particularly younger, healthier people who are likely to

1 drop their policy if it becomes too expensive, which would further erode the
2 risk pool and make coverage even less affordable.

3 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
4 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

5 1. That the United States Congress enact legislation to repeal the
6 health insurance tax, sections 9010 and 10905 of the Patient Protection and
7 Affordable Care Act and section 1406 of the Health Care and Education
8 Reconciliation Act to make health care more affordable for working families,
9 individuals and businesses.

10 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
11 of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the
12 United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States
13 Senate and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona."

14 Amend title to conform

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