

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2036

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5 By: Representative Wells
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE HEALTH CARE COST
10 STABILIZATION ACT OF 2009; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO CREATE THE HEALTH CARE COST
16 STABILIZATION ACT OF 2009.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Intent. Do Not Codify. The Arkansas General Assembly
22 finds that health care costs have accelerated for over a decade at a rate
23 that far outpaces inflation, and that most Arkansans cannot afford to pay
24 even routine medical bills without some form of insurance coverage or
25 assistance. Increasingly, health care costs have driven health insurance
26 rates higher and higher, and many individuals and employers are finding that
27 they can no longer afford to purchase or supply a health benefit plan. At
28 this time, almost one out of every five Arkansans has no health insurance and
29 this is one of the highest rates in the nation. It is the public policy of
30 this state to impose reasonable restrictions and controls on the cost of
31 health care services to protect the citizens of this state and to enable them
32 to meet the financial challenges of accessing reasonable health care
33 services.
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