STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 13, 2020

Introduced by M. of A. BYRNE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to preserving New Yorker's freedom of choice in health care

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Freedom of Choice in Health Care Act".

§ 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 25 to read as follows:

§ 25. Freedom of choice in health care. It shall be the policy of this state that the people of the state of New York have the right to enter into private contracts with health care providers for health care services and to purchase private health care coverage, subject to generally applicable laws, rules and regulations of the state. The legislature shall not require any person to participate in any health care system or plan, nor shall it impose a penalty or fine, of any type, for choosing to obtain or decline health care coverage or for participation in any particular health care system or plan.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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