

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6028

A RESOLUTION memorializing the United States Congress regarding the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

WHEREAS, The provisions of HIPAA are now in force with the stated purpose of simplifying health care administrative processes, and in the process, protecting individual privacy rights. Simplification is to be accomplished through the use of standardized, electronic transmission of administrative and financial data—which if successful should simplify health care record keeping and enhance the ability of private health insurance providers to process claims; and

WHEREAS, While the health and insurance industries may be aware of and executing the requirements of HIPAA, the recipients of health care, and individuals concerned of their condition, are confused and having difficulty comprehending the restrictions of the new procedures; and

WHEREAS, While patients have a right to their own health information, and while information regarding patients may be obtained by personal representatives or establishment of “significant other” relationships, it is urged information regarding whether a person is a patient at a facility, without disclosure of reason or condition, should be available to interested parties: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we urge the Congress of the United States and implementing federal agencies to consider the provision of information which does not disclose medically sensitive information to be available to inquiring persons; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Kansas legislative delegation.

House Resolution No. 6028 was sponsored by Representative Larry R. Powell.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*