

1 SENATE BILL NO. 228

2 INTRODUCED BY J. PRIEST

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CREATION OF A STATE-BASED HEALTH
5 INSURANCE EXCHANGE UNDER THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT; AND
6 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Prohibition on state-based health insurance exchange.** (1) The state
11 may not create an American health benefit exchange as provided for in Public Law 111-148 to facilitate the
12 purchase of qualified health plans by individuals or provide for the establishment of a small business health
13 options program for small employers.

14 (2) The state shall return to the federal government the unexpended portions of any grants obtained to
15 plan for or implement a state-based American health benefit exchange pursuant to Public Law 111-148.

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17 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
18 integral part of Title 33, chapter 1, part 1, and the provisions of Title 33, chapter 1, apply to [section 1].

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20 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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