



## 2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

December 6, 2005 – Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, COGGS, MILLER, BRESKE and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives BENEDICT, BERCEAU, BOYLE, MOLEPSKE, SINICKI and FIELDS. Referred to Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.

1     **To create** section 27 of article I of the constitution; **relating to:** the right of the  
2             residents of Wisconsin to adequate, accessible, and affordable health care (first  
3             consideration).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2005 legislature on first consideration, provides that the right of the residents of Wisconsin to adequate, accessible, and affordable health care shall be ensured by the state as one of its necessary duties, and the legislature shall provide by law for the provision of such health care.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by 2 successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

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4             **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:**

5             **SECTION 1.** Section 27 of article I of the constitution is created to read:

6             [Article I] Section 27. The health and well-being of the people having been  
7             determined to be fundamental to the enjoyment of the rights of life, liberty, and the  
8             pursuit of happiness, the right of the residents of Wisconsin to adequate, accessible,

1 and affordable health care shall be ensured by the state as one of its necessary duties,  
2 and the legislature shall provide by law for the provision of such health care.

3 ***Be it further resolved, That*** this proposed amendment be referred to the  
4 legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3  
5 months previous to the time of holding such election.

6 (END)