

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation creates a revised section to Chapter 90, Title 39, Idaho Code, relating to Health Rights. The revised section is to be known as Section 39-9004. This section establishes health rights under the law for medical patients, their family members, and legal guardians. This legislation will help ensure fairness of treatment, enhance patient awareness of medical treatment options, and install patient safeguards with respect to requirements for informed consent and the use of experimental drugs. This legislation will place necessary and expected restrictions on state and local government as to governmental authority with respect to the advertising of certain types of medicines or vaccines and the imposition of personal restrictions on Idahoans relating to widespread medical situations.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation should have minimal effect on the State's General Fund and dedicated funds, as it does not increase or decrease revenues. The only quantifiable costs associated with this legislation would be related to those generated by printing and disseminating the resulting changes to Idaho Code. The State may realize an increase in costs driven by enforcement of the changes to Idaho Code, but these costs are strictly potential in nature and cannot be quantified because of the predictive nature of any attempt to do so.

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