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**SENATE BILL NO. 311**

Senate Amendments in [ ] — January 28, 2010

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 38.2-3430.1:1, relating to individual accident and sickness insurance coverage.*

Patrons Prior to Engrossment—Senator Martin; Delegate: Bell, Richard P.

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 38.2-3430.1:1 as follows:**

*§ 38.2-3430.1:1. Health insurance coverage not required.*

*No resident of this Commonwealth, regardless of whether he has or is eligible for health insurance coverage under any policy or program provided by or through his employer, or a plan sponsored by the Commonwealth or the federal government, shall be required to obtain or maintain a policy of individual insurance coverage. No provision of this title shall render a resident of this Commonwealth liable for any penalty, assessment, fee, or fine as a result of his failure to procure or obtain health insurance coverage. [ This section shall not apply to individuals voluntarily applying for coverage under a state-administered program pursuant to Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social Security Act.]*

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