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Nebraska Senator Introduces Bill to Add Health Care Protection

(AP) - Nebraska would keep at least some of provisions of federal health care reform even if the law is repealed, under a new bill in the Legislature.

Senator Jeremy Nordquist of Omaha introduced legislation on Monday to lock in changes made at the federal level, such as eliminating annual and lifetime limits on insurance coverage. It also would retain protections for patients with pre-existing conditions. Insurers would still be required to spend at least 75 percent of premium dollars on care.

Nordquist says although he doesn't expect the law's repeal in the near future, Nebraska should preserve some of its consumer protections in state law.

The bill is LB860.

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