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### **HOUSE PASSES HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY FAIR COMPETITION ACT**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA), the largest nursing organization in the US, applauds House lawmakers today for voting 406-19 to pass H.R. 4626 “Health Insurance Industry Fair Competition Act.” The legislation will now move to the Senate for consideration.

ANA remains committed to the principle that health care is a basic human right and that all persons are entitled to ready access to affordable, high-quality health care services. We are committed to the enactment of health care reform, and we believe that a fair, competitive insurance marketplace is vital to ensuring meaningful coverage for all. H.R. 4626 is a good first step in this direction. The legislation will curb the broad immunity from anti-trust laws currently enjoyed by the insurance industry under the McCarran-Ferguson Act and will provide health insurance companies with competitive incentives that will promote better affordability, improved quality, increased innovation, and greater consumer choice.

To learn more about ANA’s health care advocacy work, please visit <http://www.rnaction.org/healthcare>

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