

## Live Free or Die



Is the health care industry overregulated? A study by Duke University professor Christopher Conover found the industry rife with rules that cost \$169 billion per year, or \$1,500 per family. With that in mind the Pacific Research Institute, a California free-market think tank, is about to release a study that looks at how free Americans are to use health resources without state interference.

The institute looked at how much states regulated

private insurers and health care providers; the state's medical tort environment; and state government health plans (primarily Medicaid).

—Kurt Badenhausen

### BEST

- 1 Utah
- 2 Nebraska
- 3 Delaware
- 4 North Dakota
- 5 Alabama

### WORST

- 46 Maine
- 47 North Carolina
- 48 New Jersey
- 49 Vermont
- 50 New York