

Schuette renews Michigan opposition to health law

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LANSING, MI –

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette says he will continue the state's role in a legal challenge to the federal health care overhaul.

Schuette is in his first week as Michigan's attorney general. He said Wednesday he will add his name to the lawsuit challenging the law.

That continues a legal strategy from former Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox.

Both Schuette and Cox are Republicans.

Attorneys for 20 states are challenging the new federal health care law in a case before a federal court in Florida.

The states argue the law violates people's rights by forcing them to buy health insurance by 2014 or face penalties.

President Barack Obama's administration says Americans should not be allowed to opt out of the overhaul because everyone requires medical care.