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A constitution consists of basic principles on which the whole state runs. These laws can be changed according to the policies of the new government or as per state requirements. In the US the constitution defines three government bodies that are listed below:

* Legislative branch
* Executive branch
* Judicial branch

The legislative branch is responsible for changing the law that needs to be modified and also approving the law. While the executive branch duty is to implement the law. It is also divided into sub-departments and mostly the health care systems are directly linked to them. The third branch that is the judicial branch is responsible for resolving the disputes by following the constitution. Besides the above-mentioned branches, the legislatures can be passed on the local level like cities, boards that are covered by the state law. These are called ordinances. These ordinances are apart of the state law that also affects the health care system. Although the health care systems are required to follow additional laws that include their licensing policies and, etc (McWay, 2015).

 Moving on towards the case provided that the first thing that comes in the mind is that what was the reason for promoting a law to put a cap on the photocopying cost either it is due to the complaints by the clients or there is another reason. In the US hospitals are responsible for maintaining all the records of the patients and the newly born. These records are maintained both electronically and on paper as well and putting a cap which is way below the actual cost on the photocopying is definitely alarming as it will cause major issues in the health care system. According to the government point of view, the cap on photocopying will ensure a limit on the use of manual systems because they are not economical (Hersh & Hoyt 2018). Also, there is a lot of concern about privacy as one can see the record of another person at any time. The other major concern is that the government has to bear the expenditures and they can only manage it by increasing the tax which will be an other issue for the health care system.

 As a director of health care, I do possess rights to condemn this act. Now focusing on my legal rights the first thing is which branch of the government made by the constitution is directly linked to the health care systems and is there any law that helps me to prevent this. The first step will be to contact the executive branch and discuss the issue. The next step is to find loopholes in the government reasons for putting a cap. The first loophole is that although there is a privacy concern but the records in the electronic system are also not so safe as the system can be hacked. The other concerns were expenditures and paper industry being the root cause of environmental damages, so most of the government’s own work is done on paper and they must know how it will affect them if there would be a cap on photocopying. Furthermore, there was no advance notice given and being a CEO it’s my right to challenge the decision and require trial initiations.

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