

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE DRH80275-LN-198 (4/13)

Short Title: Conscience Protection.

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Sponsors: Representative Barnhart.

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Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO EXTEND CONSCIENCE PROTECTION.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-45.1(e) reads as rewritten:

5 "(e) Nothing in this section shall require a ~~physician licensed to practice medicine~~  
6 ~~in North Carolina or any nurse-physician, nurse, pharmacist, or other health care~~  
7 ~~provider~~ who shall state an objection to abortion on moral, ethical, or religious grounds,  
8 to perform or participate in medical procedures or prescribe or dispense drugs or  
9 devices which result in an abortion. The refusal of ~~such physician-the physician, nurse,~~  
10 ~~pharmacist, or other health care provider~~ to perform or participate in these medical  
11 procedures or prescribe or dispense drugs or devices which result in an abortion shall  
12 not be a basis for damages for such refusal, or for any disciplinary or any other  
13 recriminatory action against ~~such physician.the person.~~"

14 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.