

Medical Care Facilities; Abortion; Sterilization; House Sub. for SB 62

House Sub. for SB 62 provides that no person shall be required to make a referral for medical procedures or the prescription or administration of any device or drug that results in the termination of a pregnancy or an effect of which the person reasonably believes may result in the termination of a pregnancy. Additionally, no person is required to perform or participate in the prescription or administration of any device or drug that results in the termination of a pregnancy or an effect of which the person reasonably believes may result in the termination of a pregnancy. The refusal to perform or participate in medical procedures that result in the termination of a pregnancy shall not be the basis for civil liability to any person, and no medical care facility, medical care facility administrator, or governing body of a medical care facility shall terminate the person's employment, prevent or impair the person's practice or occupation, or impose any other sanction on the person because of the person's exercise of these rights.

Similarly, the bill adds language stating no medical care facility, medical care facility administrator, or governing board of any medical care facility shall be required to permit the performance of, referral for, or participation in medical procedures, or in the prescription or administration of any device or drug, that would result in the termination of a human pregnancy or an effect of which the person reasonably believes may result in the termination of a human pregnancy. The refusal to do so does not constitute grounds for civil liability to any person.

The bill also states no person is required to make referrals for medical procedures that result in sterilization and no medical care facility, medical care facility administrator, or governing board of any medical care facility is required to permit the performance of, referral for, or participation in medical procedures that result in sterilization. Refusal to do so is not a basis for civil liability to any person.