

## HOUSE BILL No. 2523

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning abortion; amending K.S.A. 65-443 and K.S.A. 2011  
2 Supp. 65-444 and repealing the existing sections.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-443 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
6 443. No person shall be required to perform, *refer for*, or participate in  
7 medical procedures *or in the prescription or administration of any device*  
8 *or drug* which result in the termination of a pregnancy *or an effect of*  
9 *which the person reasonably believes may result in the termination of a*  
10 *pregnancy*, and the refusal of any person to perform, *refer for*, or  
11 participate in those medical procedures, *prescription or administration*  
12 shall not be a basis for civil liability to any person. No ~~hospital, hospital~~  
13 *health care facility, health care facility* administrator or governing board of  
14 any ~~hospital~~ *health care facility* shall terminate the employment of, prevent  
15 or impair the practice or occupation of or impose any other sanction on  
16 any person because of such person's ~~refusal to perform or participate in the~~  
17 ~~termination of any human pregnancy~~ *exercise of rights protected by this*  
18 *section.*

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 65-444 is hereby amended to read as  
20 follows: 65-444. No ~~hospital, hospital~~ *health care facility, health care*  
21 *facility* administrator or governing board shall be required to permit *the*  
22 *performance, referral for, or participation in medical procedures or in the*  
23 *prescription or administration of any device or drug which result in the*  
24 *termination of human pregnancies or an effect of which the facility,*  
25 *administrator or board reasonably believes may result in the termination*  
26 *of human pregnancies* within its institution and the refusal to permit such  
27 procedures *prescription or administration* shall not be grounds for civil  
28 liability to any person. A hospital may establish criteria and procedures  
29 under which pregnancies may be terminated within its institution, in  
30 addition to those which may be prescribed by licensing, regulating or  
31 accrediting agencies.

32 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-443 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 65-444 are hereby  
33 repealed.

34 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
35 publication in the statute book.

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