
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill
No. 395 by Representative Boyd

1 AMENDMENT NO. 12 On page 1, at the end of line 6, after "defense;" and before "and" insert "to provide
3 exceptions for healthcare providers; to provide for applicability;"4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 2, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

6 "C. An individual healthcare provider has the right not to prescribe
7 contraception or emergency contraception if doing so violates his conscience to the
8 extent that patient access to health care is not compromised. No healthcare provider
9 shall be held civilly liable for declining to prescribe contraception or emergency
10 contraception if doing so violates his conscience. An individual healthcare provider
11 who chooses to assert his right in accordance with this Section shall do all of the
12 following:13 (1) Notify his employer in writing as soon as practicable of any healthcare
14 service that violates his conscience.15 (2) Notify any patient before the healthcare provider provides any
16 consultation or service to the patient of the existence of a healthcare service that he
17 will decline to provide because the healthcare service violates his conscience.18 D. Nothing in this Section shall apply to any drug, medicine, or other
19 substance prescribed, dispensed, or distributed that is intended to induce an abortion.20 E. Nothing in this Section shall apply to any public elementary or secondary
21 school in this state.22 F. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to interfere with a parent's
23 authority over his minor child."24 AMENDMENT NO. 3

25 On page 3, after line 8, add the following:

26 "D. An individual healthcare provider defending a claim against him for
27 denying access to contraceptives, emergency contraceptives, or contraceptive-related
28 information in accordance with R.S. 9:56 may assert as an affirmative defense the
29 conscience exception as provided in R.S. 9:55."