

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 432

Short Title: Conscience Protection/Health Care Providers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hilton; Barnhart, Blackwood, Blust, Cleveland, Frye, Gillespie, Guice, Holloway, Johnson, McGee, Moore, Setzer, Starnes, and Wiley.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Judiciary I.

March 9, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO EXTEND CONSCIENCE PROTECTION TO CERTAIN HEALTH CARE  
3 PROVIDERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

6 "§ 14-45.1. When abortion not unlawful.

7 ...

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

16 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

