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HOUSE BILL 155

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

Sponsors: Representatives Hilton, Holloway (Primary Sponsors); Blackwood, Blust, Brown, Cleveland, Folwell, Frye, Gillespie, McGee, Moore, Neumann, Samuelson, Setzer, Stam, and Tillis.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

February 13, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXTEND CONSCIENCE PROTECTION TO CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

...

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

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