

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1407

Short Title: Conscience Protection.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Barnhart; Gillespie, Hilton, McGee, and Starnes.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

April 21, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXTEND CONSCIENCE PROTECTION.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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