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Sponsor(s): Senators Prentice, Deccio and Mulliken

Brief Description: Strengthening conscience clauses.

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Finds that state law has long recognized the right of health care providers and religious organizations to conscientious objection to certain biomedical treatment, procedures, or provision of pharmaceuticals, regardless of their secular legality or availability. Such "conscience clauses" serve to guarantee to individuals and religious organizations the fundamental constitutional right to the exercise of religious belief.

Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person may be required to pay for or otherwise provide, directly or indirectly, any biomedical treatment, service, procedure, pharmaceutical, or technology to which that person has a bona fide doctrinal religious objection.