

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 3214</b>
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**Research Analysis**

House Bill 3214, as introduced, establishes the right of medical practitioners, healthcare institutions, and healthcare payers to refuse participation in or payment for medical procedures that violate their conscience. The measure outlines protections against discrimination for such decisions and addresses specific scenarios, such as abortion and emergency medical treatment. Additionally, the measure includes provisions related to the rights of religious medical practitioners and restrictions on discrimination based on protected speech.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 3214 establishes the Medical Ethics Defense Act, which grants medical practitioners, healthcare institutions, and healthcare payers the right to not participate in medical procedures or services that violate their conscience. Civil or criminal liability or discriminatory actions against those who exercise their right of conscience is prohibited, however, this measure does not override the requirement to provide emergency medical treatment to all patients.

In addition, the licensing board must provide a medical practitioner with any complaints received within seven (7) days after receipt of the complaint or the licensing board must pay the practitioner an administrative penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) per day.

In its current form, this measure is not anticipated to have a direct impact on state revenue or appropriation.

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**Other Considerations**

None.