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REFERENCE TITLE: **rights of conscience**

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## **SB 1485**

Introduced by  
Senators Martin, Blendu, Gould, Harper, Huppenthal, Jarrett;  
Representatives Murphy, Quelland, Rosati, Stump; Senators Aguirre, Bee,  
Verschoor; Representatives Gorman, Knaperek, Tully

### **AN ACT**

**AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 32-1973; AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 32-3210; AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 36-414; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 32, chapter 18, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 32-1973, to read:

4 32-1973. Right to refuse to participate in certain activities

5 A PHARMACY THAT STATES IN WRITING AN OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATING IN ANY  
6 OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ON MORAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUNDS IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
7 PARTICIPATE IN THAT ACTIVITY BY PROVIDING DRUGS OR DEVICES THAT ARE  
8 PRESCRIBED TO ACCOMPLISH THAT ACTIVITY:

- 9 1. AN ABORTION.
- 10 2. CONTRACEPTION OR EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION.
- 11 3. ANY FORM OF STERILIZATION.

12 Sec. 2. Title 32, chapter 32, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding section 32-3210, to read:

14 32-3210. Right to refuse to participate in certain activities

15 A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OR AN EMPLOYEE OF A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WHO  
16 STATES IN WRITING AN OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING  
17 ACTIVITIES ON MORAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUNDS IS NOT REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN  
18 THAT ACTIVITY AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR NOT PARTICIPATING  
19 IN THAT ACTIVITY:

- 20 1. AN ABORTION.
- 21 2. CONTRACEPTION OR EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION.
- 22 3. ANY FORM OF STERILIZATION.

23 Sec. 3. Title 36, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
24 amended by adding section 36-414, to read:

25 36-414. Right to refuse to participate in certain activities

26 A. A HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION THAT STATES IN WRITING AN OBJECTION TO  
27 PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ON MORAL OR RELIGIOUS  
28 GROUNDS IS NOT REQUIRED TO ADMIT OR TREAT ANY PATIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
29 PROVIDING OR PERFORMING:

- 30 1. AN ABORTION.
- 31 2. CONTRACEPTION OR EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION.
- 32 3. ANY FORM OF STERILIZATION.

33 B. A PHYSICIAN, A PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER OF A HOSPITAL OR AN EMPLOYEE  
34 OF A PHYSICIAN OR HOSPITAL IN WHICH ANY ACTIVITY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A IS  
35 AUTHORIZED, WHO STATES IN WRITING AN OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATING IN THAT  
36 ACTIVITY ON MORAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUNDS, IS NOT REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN  
37 THAT ACTIVITY.