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## ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 10, TO 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 207

June 14, 2005 - Offered by Representatives Kessler and Turner.

- **1.** Page 1, line 7: delete the material beginning with "exemption" and ending with "who" on line 9 and substitute "the right of health care professionals and health care facility employees to".
  - **2.** Page 5, line 21: delete lines 21 and 22 and substitute:
- "253.09 (title) Abortion refused; no Refusal to participate in certain practices; liability; no and discrimination restrictions.".
- **3.** Page 6, line 18: delete the material beginning with "<u>an activity</u>" and ending with "<u>grounds</u>" on line 19 and substitute "<u>a sterilization procedure or the removal of a human embryo or fetus</u>".
- **4.** Page 8, line 10: delete lines 10 to 12 and substitute "253.09 (2) No hospital or employee of any hospital shall be liable for any civil damages resulting from a A

the developing child.

1	health care facility is immune from liability for any damage caused by the health care
2	<u>facility's</u> refusal to perform sterilization procedures or".
3	<b>5.</b> Page 10, line 7: delete lines 7 to 17 and substitute:
4	"441.06 (title) Licensure; refusals to participate in certain practices;
5	civil liability exemption.
6	<b>Section 16m.</b> 441.06 (7m) (a) of the statutes is created to read:
7	441.06 (7m) (a) In this subsection:".
8	<b>6.</b> Page 11, line 5: delete the material beginning with that line and ending with
9	page 15, line 8 and substitute:
10	"Section 19m. 441.06 (7m) (b) of the statutes is created to read:
11	441.06 (7m) (b) A person licensed as a registered nurse under this section or
12	as a practical nurse under s. 441.10 who, in writing, refuses, or states an intention
13	to refuse, on moral or religious grounds to participate in a practice of practical or
14	professional nursing that is related to any of the following may not be required to
15	participate in the practice:
16	1. A sterilization procedure.
17	2. An abortion, as defined in s. 253.10 (2) (a).
18	3. An experiment or medical procedure that destroys an in vitro human embryo
19	or uses cells or tissue derived from the destruction of an in vitro human embryo.
20	4. An experiment or medical procedure on an in vitro human embryo that is not
21	related to the beneficial treatment of the in vitro human embryo.
22	5. An experiment or medical procedure on a developing child in an artificial
23	womb, at any stage of development, that is not related to the beneficial treatment of

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- 6. A procedure, including a transplant procedure, that uses fetal tissue or organs other than fetal tissue or organs from a stillbirth, spontaneous abortion, or miscarriage.
- 7. Intentionally causing the death of an individual who is not in a terminal condition, as defined in s. 154.01 (8), by withholding or withdrawing nutrition or hydration.
- 8. An act that intentionally causes or assists in causing the death of an individual by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.

**SECTION 19n.** 441.06 (7m) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

- 441.06 (7m) (c) 1. In this paragraph, "damages" do not include noneconomic damages, as defined in s. 893.55 (4) (a).
- 2. Except for claims that are subject to s. 111.321 or 111.322, a person who is adversely affected by conduct that is in violation of par. (b) may bring a civil action for equitable relief, including reinstatement, or damages, or both. An action under this subdivision may be commenced against the state and any office, department, independent agency, authority, institution, association, society, or other body in state government created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law, including the legislature and the courts. In an action under this subdivision, the court shall award reasonable attorney fees, notwithstanding s. 814.04 (1), to a person who obtains equitable relief, damages, or both. An action under this subdivision shall be commenced within one year after the cause of action accrues or be barred.

**Section 26m.** 448.03 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:

448.03 (5m) Refusals to participate in certain practices; action for damages.

(a) In this subsection:

- 1. "Human embryo" means a human organism that is derived by fertilization, parthenogenesis, cloning, or any other means from one or more human gametes or human diploid cells. "Human embryo" includes a zygote but does not include a human organism at or beyond the stage of development at which the major body structures are present.
- 2. "In vitro human embryo" means a human embryo, whether cryopreserved or not, living outside of a woman's body.
- 3. "Participate in" means to perform; practice; engage in; assist in; recommend; counsel in favor of; make referrals for; prescribe, dispense, or administer drugs or devices, other than contraceptive articles, as defined in s. 450.155 (1) (a), for; or otherwise promote or encourage.
- (b) A person licensed or certified under this subchapter who, in writing, refuses, or states an intention to refuse, on moral or religious grounds to participate in a practice within the scope of his or her license or certification that is related to any of the following activities may not be required to participate in the practice with respect to the activity:
  - 1. A sterilization procedure.
  - 2. An abortion, as defined in s. 253.10 (2) (a).
- 3. An experiment or medical procedure that destroys an in vitro human embryo or uses cells or tissue derived from the destruction of an in vitro human embryo.
- 4. An experiment or medical procedure on an in vitro human embryo that is not related to the beneficial treatment of the in vitro human embryo.
- 5. An experiment or medical procedure on a developing child in an artificial womb, at any stage of development, that is not related to the beneficial treatment of the developing child.

- 6. A procedure, including a transplant procedure, that uses fetal tissue or organs other than fetal tissue or organs from a stillbirth, spontaneous abortion, or miscarriage.
- 7. Intentionally causing the death of an individual who is not in a terminal condition, as defined in s. 154.01 (8), by withholding or withdrawing nutrition or hydration.
- 8. An act that intentionally causes or assists in causing the death of an individual by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.
- (c) 1. In this paragraph, "damages" do not include noneconomic damages, as defined in s. 893.55 (4) (a).
- 2. Except for claims that are subject to s. 111.321 or 111.322, a person who is adversely affected by conduct that is in violation of par. (b) may bring a civil action for equitable relief, including reinstatement, or damages, or both. An action under this subdivision may be commenced against the state and any office, department, independent agency, authority, institution, association, society, or other body in state government created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law, including the legislature and the courts. In an action under this subdivision, the court shall award reasonable attorney fees, notwithstanding s. 814.04 (1), to a person who obtains equitable relief, damages, or both. An action under this subdivision shall be commenced within one year after the cause of action accrues or be barred."
  - 7. Page 15, line 23: delete lines 23 to 25 and substitute:
- "(2m) A person licensed as a pharmacist under this chapter who, in writing, refuses, or states an intention to refuse, on moral or religious grounds to participate

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- in a practice of pharmacy that is related to any of the following activities may not be required to participate in the practice with respect to the activity:".
- **8.** Page 16, line 19: delete the material beginning with that line and ending with page 17, line 12, and substitute:
- "(3m) (a) In this subsection, "damages" do not include noneconomic damages, as defined in s. 893.55 (4) (a).
- (b) Except for claims that are subject to s. 111.321 or 111.322, a person who is adversely affected by conduct that is in violation of sub. (2m) may bring a civil action for equitable relief, including reinstatement, or damages, or both. An action under this paragraph may be commenced against the state and any office, department, independent agency, authority, institution, association, society, or other body in state government created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law, including the legislature and the courts. In an action under this paragraph, the court shall award reasonable attorney fees, notwithstanding s. 814.04 (1), to a person who obtains equitable relief, damages, or both. An action under this paragraph shall be commenced within one year after the cause of action accrues or be barred.".
- **9.** Page 17, line 15: delete the material beginning with "(7)," and ending with "8." on line 18 and substitute "(7m) (a), (b), and (c), and 448.03 (5m)".

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