

(2) THE REFUSAL OF A PERSON TO PERFORM OR PARTICIPATE IN, OR REFER TO A SOURCE FOR, THESE MEDICAL PROCEDURES MAY NOT BE A BASIS FOR:

(I) CIVIL LIABILITY TO ANOTHER PERSON; OR

(II) DISCIPLINARY OR OTHER RECRIMINATORY ACTION AGAINST THE PERSON.

(B) HOSPITALS.

(1) A LICENSED HOSPITAL, HOSPITAL DIRECTOR, OR HOSPITAL GOVERNING BOARD MAY NOT BE REQUIRED:

(I) TO PERMIT, WITHIN THE HOSPITAL, THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY MEDICAL PROCEDURE THAT RESULTS IN ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION, STERILIZATION, OR TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY; OR

(II) TO REFER TO ANY SOURCE FOR THESE MEDICAL PROCEDURES.

(2) THE REFUSAL TO PERMIT OR TO REFER TO A SOURCE FOR THESE PROCEDURES MAY NOT BE GROUNDS FOR:

(I) CIVIL LIABILITY TO ANOTHER PERSON; OR

(II) DISCIPLINARY OR OTHER RECRIMINATORY ACTION AGAINST THE PERSON BY THIS STATE OR ANY PERSON.

(C) PATIENTS.

(1) THE REFUSAL OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO SUBMIT TO OR GIVE CONSENT FOR AN ABORTION OR STERILIZATION MAY NOT BE GROUNDS FOR LOSS OF ANY PRIVILEGES OR IMMUNITIES TO WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL OTHERWISE WOULD BE ENTITLED.

(2) SUBMITTING TO OR GRANTING CONSENT FOR AN ABORTION OR STERILIZATION MAY NOT BE A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO THE RECEIPT OF ANY PUBLIC BENEFITS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 43, § 556E.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the word "licensed" is added to modify "hospital", to reflect that this provision, when codified in Article 43, was limited to a "hospital" as defined in § 19-301 of this article -- i.e., a body that is licensed as a "hospital".

The only other changes are in style.

Defined term: "Person" § 1-101