

HOUSE BILL No. 2523

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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Proposed Amendment to HB 2523
For Committee on Judiciary
Prepared by: Office of Revisor of Statutes

1 AN ACT concerning abortion; amending K.S.A. 65-443 and K.S.A. 2011
2 Supp. 65-444 and repealing the existing sections.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-443 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
6 443. No person shall be required to perform, refer for; or participate in
7 medical procedures or in the prescription or administration of any device
8 or drug which result in the termination of a pregnancy or an effect of
9 which the person reasonably believes may result in the termination of a
10 pregnancy; and the refusal of any person to perform, refer for; or
11 participate in those medical procedures, prescription or administration
12 shall not be a basis for civil liability to any person. No hospital, hospital
13 health care facility, health care facility administrator or governing board of
14 any hospital health care facility shall terminate the employment of, prevent
15 or impair the practice or occupation of or impose any other sanction on
16 any person because of such person's refusal to perform or participate in the
17 termination of any human pregnancy exercise of rights protected by this
18 section.

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 65-444 is hereby amended to read as
20 follows: 65-444. No hospital, hospital health care facility, health care
21 facility administrator or governing board shall be required to permit the
22 performance, referral for; or participation in medical procedures or in the
23 prescription or administration of any device or drug which result in the
24 termination of human pregnancies or an effect of which the facility,
25 administrator or board reasonably believes may result in the termination
26 of human pregnancies within its institution, and the refusal to permit such
27 procedures prescription or administration shall not be grounds for civil
28 liability to any person. A hospital may establish criteria and procedures
29 under which pregnancies may be terminated within its institution, in
30 addition to those which may be prescribed by licensing, regulating or
31 accrediting agencies.

32 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-443 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 65-444 are hereby
33 repealed.

34 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
35 publication in the statute book.

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