

HOUSE BILL 608

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; ALLOWING HEALTH FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED
PERSONS TO REFUSE TO ADMIT PATIENTS FOR ABORTIONS OR TO
PARTICIPATE IN ABORTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] HEALTH FACILITIES--REFUSAL TO
PARTICIPATE IN MEDICAL PROCEDURES.--

A. A health facility shall not be required to admit
any patient for the purposes of performing an abortion.

B. The following persons shall not be required to
participate in medical procedures, including the dispensing of
medication, that will result in the termination of a pregnancy
if they object to the abortion on moral, religious or personal
conviction grounds:

(1) a person who is a member of, or associated

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1 with, the staff of a health facility;

2 (2) any person acting under the direction of a
3 physician; or

4 (3) any person employed in a health facility
5 in which an abortion may be performed.

6 C. The refusal of a person to participate in an
7 abortion shall not form the basis of any disciplinary or other
8 recriminatory action against the person.

9 D. As used in this section:

10 (1) "abortion" means the intentional
11 termination of the pregnancy of a female by a person who knows
12 the female is pregnant; and

13 (2) "health facility" means a facility
14 licensed by the department of health pursuant to the provisions
15 of the Public Health Act.

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