

HOUSE BILL 551

By Cochran

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 20; Title 29; Title 39; Title 49; Title 50; Title
56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the
right of conscience in health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

The human rights commission is urged to study problems of discrimination
against healthcare providers in this state because of their decision to decline to
participate in a healthcare service on the basis of religious, moral, or ethical beliefs. The
commission shall include in an annual report submitted pursuant to § 4-21-203(c)(10) its
findings and recommendations from any such study.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.