

SENATE BILL No. 323

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 27-8-5-0.5.

Synopsis: Health care services violating religious beliefs. Specifies that insurance law does not require a provider, an accident and sickness insurer, or a health maintenance organization (HMO) to participate in health care services that violate the religious tenets of the provider, accident and sickness insurer, or HMO. Requires a provider, an accident and sickness insurer, or an HMO that limits or excludes health care services based on the provider's, accident and sickness insurer's, or HMO's religious tenets to specify the limitation or exclusion in a policy, certificate of coverage, individual or group contract, and evidence of coverage.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1999 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 27-8-5-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2000]: **Sec. 0.5. (a) This title does not require a provider (as**
4 **defined in IC 27-13-1-28), an accident and sickness insurer, or a**
5 **health maintenance organization (as defined in IC 27-13-1-19) to:**
6 **(1) recommend;**
7 **(2) offer advice concerning;**
8 **(3) pay for;**
9 **(4) provide;**
10 **(5) assist in;**
11 **(6) perform;**
12 **(7) arrange; or**
13 **(8) participate in providing or performing;**
14 **health care services (as defined in IC 27-8-11-1) that violate the**
15 **provider's, accident and sickness insurer's, or health maintenance**
16 **organization's religious tenets.**
17 **(b) A provider, an accident and sickness insurer, or a health**



1 maintenance organization described in subsection (a) that limits or
2 excludes health care services that violate the provider's, accident
3 and sickness insurer's, or health maintenance organization's
4 religious tenets shall specify the limitation or exclusion in a:
5 (1) policy;
6 (2) certificate of coverage;
7 (3) group or individual contract referred to in IC 27-13-7-1;
8 and
9 (4) evidence of coverage referred to in IC 27-13-7-5;
10 required under this title.
11 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000] IC 27-8-5-0.5, as added
12 by this act, applies to policies of accident and sickness insurance
13 and individual and group health maintenance organization
14 contracts that are issued, entered into, delivered, amended, or
15 renewed after June 30, 2000.

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