GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1011

Short Title:	Refuse to Abort/Extend Conscience Protection.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Morris; Blust, Cansler, Capps, Carpenter, Clary, Davis, Decker, Ellis, Esposito, Gillespie, Hilton, McMahan, Setzer, Sexton, Shubert, and Starnes.	
Referred to:	Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.	

April 9, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXTEND CONSCIENCE PROTECTION TO PHARMACISTS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN OR DISPENSE ABORTIFACIENTS ON MORAL GROUNDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-45.1(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) Nothing in this section shall require a ~~physician licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina or any nurse~~ physician, nurse, pharmacist, or other health care provider who shall state an objection to abortion on moral, ethical, or religious grounds, to perform or participate in medical procedures or prescribe or dispense drugs or devices which result in an abortion. The refusal of ~~such physician~~ the physician, nurse, pharmacist, or other health care provider to perform or participate in these medical procedures or prescribe or dispense drugs or devices which result in an abortion shall not be a basis for damages for such refusal, or for any disciplinary or any other recriminatory action against ~~such physician.~~the person."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.