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SENATE BILL 372

By Rose

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.