



**HB0222**

**Medical Ethics Defense Act-2.**

Sponsored By: Representative(s) Ottman and Singh and Senator(s) Hutchings, Pearson and Steinmetz

AN ACT relating to public health and safety; allowing health care professionals, health care institutions and health care payers the right not to participate in or pay for health care services as specified; authorizing religious-based health care organizations to make decisions consistent with religious beliefs; prohibiting discrimination for making health care decisions based on conscience; prohibiting adverse licensing actions based on protected expressive activity; specifying liability and damages for notice requirements; providing immunity; providing definitions; specifying applicability; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

1/16/2025 Bill Number Assigned  
1/17/2025 H Received for Introduction  
1/27/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H10 - Labor  
2/3/2025 H10 - Labor:Recommend Do Pass 7-1-0-1-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Clouston, Guggenmos, Hoeft, Mccann, Ottman, Rodriguez-Williams, Wasserburger

**Nays:** Representative Yin

**Absent:** Representative Styvar

**Ayes 7 Nays 1 Excused 0 Absent 1 Conflicts 0**

2/3/2025 H Placed on General File  
2/10/2025 H COW:Passed  
2/11/2025 H 2nd Reading:Passed  
2/12/2025 H 3rd Reading:Passed 51-9-2-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Byron, Campbell, K, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie

**Nays:** Representative(s) Brown, L, Campbell, E, Chestek, Jarvis, Nicholas, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Yin

**Excused:** Representative(s) Riggins, Smith

**Ayes 51 Nays 9 Excused 2 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

2/12/2025 S Received for Introduction  
2/18/2025 S Introduced and Referred to S10 - Labor