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Bill Analysis

SB 1798 creates the Medical Ethics Defense Act. The measure provides that a medical practitioner, healthcare institution, or healthcare payer has the right not to participate in or pay for any medical procedure or service which violates his, her, or its conscience. Such entities shall not be liable for exercising their right to not participate in or pay for a medical procedure or service nor shall such entities be discriminated against based on their decision. Additionally, such providers are authorized to any information that the medical practitioner reasonably believes evinces a violation of state or federal law, a violation of ethical guidelines, or gross mismanagement. The measure requires licensing board of a practitioner to provide the practitioner with any complaints it has received which may result in the revocation of the medical practitioner's license, certification, or registration, within 7 days of receipt of the complaint. The measure provides for civil action and remedies for violations.

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