

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1224</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>CCR A</b>
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**Research Analysis**

CCR A to HB1224 adds a definition of *conscientious objection* to the measure as it relates to refusal to perform a procedure based on ethical, moral, or religious beliefs or principles. The measure provides that an employer must not discriminate against an employee or prospective employee by refusing to reasonably accommodate their conscientious objection to any medical procedure. The measure also provides that a minor may consent to services in the case that they are afflicted with any drug and substance abuse or abusive use of alcohol, provided that this only applies to diagnosis and treatment. The measure strikes the requirement for the health professional to provide counseling for the minor. In all other instances of a minor self-consenting, except for noted exceptions, the health professional shall inform the spouse, parent, or legal guardian of the minor of any treatment needed or provided. The parent or legal guardian will also have the right to access and review all of the minor's medical records and a health professional will not be able to restrict access to those records. These provisions will not apply to certain cases described in the measure and in cases where such access and review is prohibited by law or where the parent or legal guardian is the subject of an investigation of a crime committed against the minor or law enforcement requests the information not be released.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The CCR A to HB 1224 provides a definition of "conscientious objection" within the Freedom of Conscience Act and specifies certain conditions under which minors can consent to health services without a parent or legal guardian. In its current form, HB 1224 is not anticipated to have an impact on the state budget.

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**Other Considerations**

None.