

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative Cassel offered the following:

**Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Between lines 250 and 251, insert:

(16) RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION.-

(a) For the purposes of this subsection, the term "religious belief" means a sincerely held religious belief that permits or requires the termination of pregnancy beyond the limitations provided in this section and related criminal law.

(b) The purpose of this subsection is to provide a religious exemption to the prohibition on abortions provided in this section and related criminal law.

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13        (c) A person who holds a religious belief as defined in  
 14 paragraph (a) is not subject to the provisions of this section  
 15 and may obtain, facilitate, or, where permitted by law, provide  
 16 abortion care services or counsel, advise, or offer support  
 17 beyond the limitations provided in this section, without being  
 18 subject to any criminal or civil penalties arising therefrom.  
 19 Such persons include, but are not limited to:

20        1. A person seeking an abortion whose religious beliefs  
 21 allow or require termination of a pregnancy beyond the  
 22 limitations provided in this section.

23        2. Clergy, therapists, and other mental health service  
 24 providers who advise or counsel another consistent with their  
 25 religious beliefs to obtain an abortion beyond the limitations  
 26 provided in this section.

27        3. A licensed health care provider or counselor whose  
 28 religious beliefs permit or require that he or she provides  
 29 abortion care services or counseling in accordance with accepted  
 30 medical standards beyond the limitations provided in this  
 31 section.

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**D I R E C T O R Y   A M E N D M E N T**

Remove line 187 and insert:

36        390.0111, Florida Statutes, are amended and subsection (16) is  
 37        added to that section, to read:

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

Remove line 38 and insert:  
provisions to changes made by the act; providing requirements  
for a religious exemption; repealing s.