

**ADOPTED SENATE**

1 Senators Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Hill of the 32nd, Schaefer of the 50th, Grant of the 25th,  
2 Goggans of the 7th and others offered the following amendment:

3 *Amend the Senate Health and Human Services Committee substitute to HB 1178 (LC 33*  
4 *1545S) by inserting after "fees;" on line 8 of page 1 the following:*

5 to amend Code Section 16-12-142 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
6 requiring medical facilities or physicians to perform abortions and requiring others to  
7 assist, so as to provide that a pharmacist who states in writing an objection to any abortion  
8 shall not be required to fill a prescription for a drug if the purpose of the drug is to  
9 terminate a pregnancy; to provide that such refusal shall not be the basis for any claim for  
10 damages; to provide for the duration of the effectiveness of the written objection;

11 *By inserting between lines 10 and 11 of page 4 the following:*

**SECTION 2A.**

13 Code Section 16-12-142 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requiring  
14 medical facilities or physicians to perform abortions and requiring others to assist, is  
15 amended by striking such Code section and inserting in its place the following:

16 "16-12-142.

17 (a) Nothing in this article shall require a hospital or other medical facility or physician to  
18 admit any patient under the provisions of this article for the purpose of performing an  
19 abortion. In addition, any person who states in writing an objection to any abortion or all  
20 abortions on moral or religious grounds shall not be required to participate in procedures  
21 which will result in such abortion; and the refusal of the person to participate therein shall  
22 not form the basis of any claim for damages on account of such refusal or for any  
23 disciplinary or recriminatory action against the person. The written objection shall remain  
24 in effect until the person revokes it or terminates his association with the facility with  
25 which it is filed.

26 (b) Any pharmacist who states in writing an objection to any abortion or all abortions on  
27 moral or religious grounds shall not be required to fill a prescription for a drug which  
28 purpose is to terminate a pregnancy; and the refusal of the person to fill such prescription  
29 shall not form the basis of any claim for damages on account of such refusal or for any  
30 disciplinary or recriminatory action against the person; provided, however, that the  
31 pharmacist shall make all reasonable efforts to locate another pharmacist who is willing to  
32 fill such prescription or shall immediately return the prescription to the prescription holder.

- 1 The written objection shall remain in effect until the person revokes it or terminates his or  
2 her association with the facility with which it is filed."