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<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a licensed healthcare professional shall not be adversely affected for any of the following:

- (1) Treating a patient with any healthcare treatment, procedure, or product administered with the consent of the patient.
- (2) Speaking publicly about any healthcare or tangential topic.
- (3) Accepting or rejecting a healthcare procedure, treatment, or product.
- (4) Exercising free speech.

Proposed law defines "adverse action".

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits disciplinary actions unless certain conditions are met and provides for a minimum settlement of \$5,000,000 if the healthcare professional's position cannot be refuted in accordance with proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 37:23.5)