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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for equal treatment of individuals who refuse medical services.

Proposed law defines "political subdivision", "public official", and "state agency".

Proposed law provides that no business, employer, person, political subdivision, public official, state agency, healthcare provider, or any other entity shall do any of the following based on a person's refusal to receive certain medical services:

- (1) Deny or terminate employment.
- (2) Deny a service, including a public service, to the individual.
- (3) Deny access to commerce.
- (4) Segregate the person.
- (5) Penalize the person or use financial coercion.
- (6) Discriminate against a person, including any imposition, requirement, or burden.

Proposed law provides that if a violation of proposed law occurs, an action for damages or a petition for injunctive relief or declaratory judgment may be filed.

Proposed law provides that in a petition for injunctive relief or declaratory judgment the court may award court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

Proposed law provides that in an action for damages, the court may award court costs, reasonable attorney fees, and treble damages or \$200, whichever is greater.

(Adds R.S. 40:1159.7.1)