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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit a private hospital
9 or an employee thereof or a physician from
10 requiring its facilities to be used for the
11 performance of or performing abortions, human
12 embryonic stem cell research, human embryo cloning,
13 euthanasia, or physician-assisted suicide.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT
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20 thereof or a physician from requiring its facilities to be
21 used for the performance of or performing abortions, human
22 embryonic stem cell research, human embryo cloning,
23 euthanasia, or physician-assisted suicide.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. (a) No private or denominational hospital
26 shall be required to permit its facilities to be utilized for
27 the performance of abortions, dispensation of abortifacient

1 drugs, human embryonic stem cell research, human embryonic
2 cloning, euthanasia, or physician-assisted suicide.

3 (b) No physician or employee or member of the staff
4 of a hospital or other health care entity shall be required to
5 perform or to assist or participate in an abortion,
6 dispensation of abortifacient drugs, human embryonic stem cell
7 research, human embryonic cloning, euthanasia, or
8 physician-assisted suicide if that individual objects to such
9 acts on ethical, moral, or religious grounds.

10 (c) No person shall be required, as a condition of
11 training, continued employment, pay, promotion, or privileges
12 to agree to perform or participate in an abortion,
13 dispensation of abortifacient drugs, human embryonic stem cell
14 research, human embryonic cloning, euthanasia, or
15 physician-assisted suicide.

16 (d) No hospital or other health care entity shall
17 discriminate against or discipline a person because of the
18 person's ethical, moral, or religious beliefs concerning
19 abortions, dispensation of abortifacient drugs, human
20 embryonic stem cell research, human embryonic cloning,
21 euthanasia, or physician-assisted suicide.

22 Section 2. A civil action for damages or
23 reinstatement of employment, or both, may be brought for any
24 violation of the provisions of this act.

25 Section 3. This act shall become effective
26 immediately following its passage and approval by the
27 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

