

## 119TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 2874

To provide for regulations on protecting statutory conscience rights in health care.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 10, 2025

Mr. MOOLENAAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Defense of Conscience
- 5 in Health Care Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. REGULATIONS ON PROTECTING STATUTORY CON-
- 7 SCIENCE RIGHTS IN HEALTH CARE.
- 8 (a) In General.—Not later than 6 months after the
- 9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
- 10 Human Services shall—

Ĺ	(1) issue, under the Federal conscience and
2	anti-discrimination laws, a final rule that is identical
3	or materially equivalent to the former rule stated in
1	part 88 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, as
5	in effect on July 22, 2019 (84 Fed. Reg. 23170; re-
6	lating to protecting statutory conscience rights in
7	health care; delegations of authority); and

- (2) specify in the final rule that the rule supersedes any contrary rule in existence on the date of issuance.
- 11 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "Federal 12 conscience and anti-discrimination laws" has the meaning 13 given the term in the former rule specified in subsection 14 (a)(1).

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