

Amend CSHB 2561 (senate committee report) by striking added Section 551.008, Occupations Code (page 2, line 49 through page 3 line 8), and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 551.008. PROHIBITION ON RULE VIOLATING SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEF. (a) All rules, regulations, or policies adopted by the board may not violate Chapter 110, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

(b) A person may assert a violation of Subsection (a) as an affirmative defense in an administrative hearing or as a claim or defense in a judicial proceeding under Chapter 37, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.