

Amend CSHB 2211 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 1, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

(4) "Religious counselor" means an individual acting substantially in a pastoral or religious capacity to provide spiritual counsel to other individuals.

(2) On page 4, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following appropriately lettered subsection and reletter subsequent subsections and cross-references to those subsections accordingly:

(____) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a hospital may not prohibit in-person visitation by a religious counselor with a patient who is receiving care or treatment at the hospital and who is seriously ill or dying for a reason other than the religious counselor's failure to comply with a requirement described by Subsection (c)(2).