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By:  Krause H.B. No. 3083

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a pharmacy, pharmacist, or pharmacy technician decision to not dispense or sell a drug according to religious belief or moral conviction.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 551.006, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 551.006.  PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND MORAL CONVICTIONS [~~EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY~~]. (a) The board may not reduce, withhold, exclude, terminate, or otherwise deny any license, registration, or accreditation for, any grant to, or any contract or agreement with a pharmacy, pharmacist, or pharmacy technician for not dispensing or selling a specific drug or product in accordance with the person's sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction.

(b)  The attorney general may bring an action for injunctive or declaratory relief against the board to enforce compliance with this section [~~Notwithstanding any other law, a pharmacist has the exclusive authority to determine whether or not to dispense a drug~~].

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.