

HOUSE No. 3750

By Mr. Wetherbee of Pepperell, petition of Bruce E. Wetherbee for legislation to prohibit hospitals from discriminating against hospital personnel opposing abortions. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT PREVENTING HOSPITALS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST HOSPITAL PERSONNEL OPPOSING ABORTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 70 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as most recently
- 2 amended by chapter 210 of the acts of 1975, is hereby further
- 3 amended by adding the following paragraph: —
- 4 Conscientious objection to abortion, whether therapeutic or
- 5 non-therapeutic, shall not be grounds for adverse action, dismissal,
- 6 suspension, demotion, failure to promote, withholding of pay or
- 7 refusal to grant financial assistance under any state or federally
- 8 aided project, or used in any way to the detriment of the individual
- 9 in any hospital, clinic, medical or pre-medical school, state or
- 10 federally aided program or institution which is supported in whole
- 11 or in part by the commonwealth.

