

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to medical conscience; amending s.
 3 381.00321, F.S.; authorizing health care providers and
 4 health care payors to commence a civil action for
 5 certain damages and relief under certain
 6 circumstances; providing an effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10 **Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 381.00321, Florida**
 11 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

12 381.00321 The right of medical conscience of health care
 13 providers and health care payors.—

14 (4) ENFORCEMENT.—A health care provider or health care
 15 payor may file a complaint with the Attorney General alleging
 16 any violation of this section.

17 (a) If the Attorney General determines there has been a
 18 violation of this section, the Attorney General may commence a
 19 civil action for damages, injunctive relief, or any other
 20 appropriate relief, including attorney fees. For the purpose of
 21 conducting an investigation, the Attorney General may administer
 22 oaths; take depositions; make inspections when authorized by
 23 law; issue subpoenas supported by affidavit; serve subpoenas and
 24 other process; and compel the attendance of witnesses and the
 25 production of books, papers, documents, and other evidence. The

26 Department of Legal Affairs may adopt rules to implement this
27 subsection.

28 (b) If the Attorney General does not commence a civil
29 action within 180 days of the filing of the complaint, a health
30 care provider or health care payor may commence a civil action
31 for damages, injunctive relief, or any other appropriate relief,
32 including attorney fees, or assert a violation of this section
33 as a defense in a judicial or administrative proceeding.

34 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.