

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills

Final Report **Bill 207, *Conscience Rights (Health Care Providers) Protection Act***

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**To the Honourable Nathan Cooper
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of the Province of Alberta**

I have the honour of submitting, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, the Committee's final report containing recommendations on Bill 207, *Conscience Rights (Health Care Providers) Protection Act*, for consideration by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Sincerely,

[original signed]

Mike Ellis, MLA
Chair, Standing Committee
on Private Bills and
Private Members' Public Bills

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Member also in attendance on November 18 and 21, 2019:

Dan D.A. Williams, MLA
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Bill 207, *Conscience Rights (Health Care Providers) Protection Act*, was introduced and received first reading on November 7, 2019.

2.0 ORDER OF REFERENCE

Pursuant to Standing Order 74.11:

- (1) After a public Bill other than a Government Bill has been read a first time, the Bill stands referred to the Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Committee.
- (2) The Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Committee shall report back to the Assembly within 8 sitting days of the day on which the Bill was referred to the Committee.

3.0 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

As part of the Committee's review of Bill 207, Committee meetings were held on November 18 and November 21, 2019. The sponsor of Bill 207, Dan Williams, Member for Peace River, made a presentation on the Bill to the Committee on November 18, 2019, and the Committee received a technical briefing from the Ministry of Health. On November 21, 2019, six stakeholders made oral presentations to the Committee. The Committee received three written submissions from invited stakeholders (Appendix A). The Committee also received an additional 511 written submissions about the Bill.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Pursuant to Standing Order 74.2 the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills recommends

that Bill 207, *Conscience Rights (Health Care Providers) Protection Act*, not proceed.

APPENDIX A: WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM STAKEHOLDERS

Organization	Name
Private Citizen	Dr. Kiely Williams
Private Citizen	Dr. Ramona Coelho
Private Citizen	Dr. Leonie Herx

APPENDIX B: LIST OF ORAL PRESENTERS

Organization	Name
Dying with Dignity Canada	Bradley Peter, Secretary
Trans Equality Society of Alberta	Stephanie Shostak, Board Member/Director and Treasurer Holly Tomm, President
Private Citizen	Dr. Ramona Coelho
Private Citizen	Dr. Kiely Williams
Private Citizen	Dr. Jillian Ratti
Private Citizen	Dr. Leonie Herx

