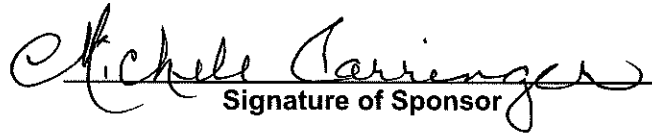


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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2151\***

**House Bill No. 2861**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Healthcare provider" means a healthcare professional, healthcare establishment, or healthcare facility licensed, registered, certified, or permitted pursuant to this title or title 68 or regulated under the authority of either the department of health or an agency, board, council, or committee attached to the department of health, and that is authorized to administer vaccinations in this state;

(2) "Vaccination" means the act of introducing a vaccine into the body;  
and

(3) "Vaccine" means a substance intended for use in humans to stimulate the body's immune response against an infectious disease or pathogen.

(b) A healthcare provider shall not:

(1) Coerce a person to receive a vaccination;

(2) Misrepresent that state law requires a person to receive a vaccination without the option for a religious exemption; or

(3) Misrepresent that state law requires a newborn to receive a screening test without the option for a religious exemption.



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(1) A violation of this section is an unlawful practice and is grounds for the offending healthcare provider's licensing authority to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the healthcare provider's license or take other disciplinary action allowed by law.

(2) If the licensing authority of a healthcare provider receives information of a violation or potential violation of this section by the healthcare provider, then the licensing authority shall conduct an immediate investigation and take appropriate disciplinary action.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to prohibited conduct occurring on or after that date.