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Sectional Analysis

House Bill 43

Prohibition of Conversion Therapy by Practitioners Licensed by the State

HB 43 would prohibit physicians, physician assistants, psychiatrists, psychologists, psychological associates, and other “practitioners of the healing arts” licensed by the state from treating a person under the age of 18, as well as vulnerable adults, with a therapy or regimen that seeks to change their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Section 1 repeals and reenacts AS 08.01.077 to include treating an individual under the age of 18 or a vulnerable adult with a “conversion therapy” as among the grounds a department or board may consider for disciplining or sanctioning a person licensed, certified, or regulated by that department or board.

Section 2 adds a new subsection under AS 47.17.024 to stipulate that a practitioner of the healing arts licensed under state statute may not treat an individual under the age of 18 with a therapy or other regimen that seeks to change the individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity.

This section also specifies certain varieties of counseling to which the subsection does not apply.

And Section 2 states that a person required under the state’s Child Protection statutes to report suspicions or reports of harm to the Department of Health and Social Services, is required to report suspicions or reports of harm related to the prohibition on “conversion therapies” included in the subsection.

Section 3 of the bill adds a new subsection to AS 47.24 to stipulate that a practitioner of the healing arts licensed under state statute may not treat a vulnerable adult with a therapy or other regimen that seeks to change the individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity.

This section also specifies certain varieties of counseling to which the subsection does not apply.

And Section 3 states that a person required under the state’s Protection of Vulnerable Adult statutes to report suspicions or reports of harm to the Department of Health and Social Services is required to report suspicions or reports of harm related to the prohibition on “conversion therapies” included in the subsection.

Section 4 states that the provisions of the bill apply to conduct that occurs on or after the effective date of the Act.