

AMENDMENT #12

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TO: CSHB 17(HSS)

BY REPRESENTATIVE VANCE

1 Page 3, following line 18:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 **** Sec. 2.** AS 21.96 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 21.96.205. Coverage that burdens person's religious practices. (a)**

5 When enforcing state law concerning a person's health care or health care insurance
6 coverage in a manner that burdens a person's religious practices, the state must
7 demonstrate that enforcement is

8 (1) in furtherance of a compelling government interest; and

9 (2) the least restrictive means of furthering that interest.

10 (b) In this section, "person" includes a business entity, organization, and
11 natural person."

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13 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.