

SB011\_L.002

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Judiciary.

SB13-011 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 18, after line 25 insert:

2 **"14-15-119. Child placement agencies - conscience clause.**

3 (1) TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY FEDERAL LAW, A PRIVATE CHILD  
4 PLACEMENT AGENCY SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM, ASSIST,  
5 COUNSEL, RECOMMEND, CONSENT TO, REFER, OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY  
6 PLACEMENT OF A CHILD FOR FOSTER CARE OR ADOPTION WHEN THE  
7 PROPOSED PLACEMENT OF A CHILD WITH PERSONS WHO HAVE ENTERED  
8 INTO A CIVIL UNION WOULD VIOLATE THE AGENCY'S WRITTEN RELIGIOUS  
9 OR MORAL CONVICTIONS OR POLICES.

10 (2) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SHALL NOT  
11 DENY AN APPLICATION FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE  
12 OR REVOKE THE LICENSE OF A PRIVATE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY  
13 BECAUSE OF THE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY'S OBJECTION TO PERFORMING,  
14 ASSISTING, COUNSELING, RECOMMENDING, CONSENTING TO, REFERRING,  
15 OR PARTICIPATING IN A PLACEMENT WITH PARTNERS TO A CIVIL UNION  
16 BECAUSE THAT VIOLATES THE AGENCY'S WRITTEN RELIGIOUS OR MORAL  
17 CONVICTIONS OR POLICIES.

18 (3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OR A COUNTY  
19 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL NOT DENY A PRIVATE CHILD  
20 PLACEMENT AGENCY ANY GRANT, CONTRACT, OR PARTICIPATION IN A  
21 GOVERNMENT PROGRAM BECAUSE OF THE AGENCY'S OBJECTION TO  
22 PERFORMING, ASSISTING, COUNSELING, RECOMMENDING, CONSENTING TO,  
23 REFERRING, OR PARTICIPATING IN A PLACEMENT WITH PARTNERS TO A  
24 CIVIL UNION BECAUSE THAT VIOLATES THE AGENCY'S WRITTEN RELIGIOUS  
25 OR MORAL CONVICTIONS OR POLICIES.

26 (4) THE REFUSAL OF A PRIVATE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY TO  
27 PERFORM, ASSIST, COUNSEL, RECOMMEND, CONSENT TO, REFER, OR  
28 PARTICIPATE IN A PLACEMENT WITH PARTNERS TO A CIVIL UNION BECAUSE  
29 THAT VIOLATES THE AGENCY'S WRITTEN RELIGIOUS OR MORAL  
30 CONVICTIONS OR POLICIES SHALL NOT FORM THE BASIS OF ANY CLAIM FOR  
31 DAMAGES."

32 Renumber succeeding C.R.S. section accordingly.

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