



2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 611

October 31, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives SORTWELL, ROZAR, ALLEN, BEHNKE, BODDEN, BRANDTJEN, BROOKS, CALLAHAN, EDMING, GOEBEN, MAGNAFICI, MICHALSKI, MURPHY, O'CONNOR, RETTINGER, SCHRAA, SCHUTT and WICHGERS, cosponsored by Senators NASS and CABRAL-GUEVARA. Referred to Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 146.98 and 440.10 of the statutes; **relating to:** right of health
2 care providers to express professional opinions related to health or medical
3 information or guidance.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill establishes a right of health care providers to express their professional opinions related to health or medical information or guidance, including any statements, policies, studies, publications, or orders. The bill prohibits any health care entity from retaliating against, discriminating against, or taking adverse action against a health care provider for expressing his or her professional opinions. However, the bill excepts health care entities that are faith-based or religious institutions that have published religious, moral, or ethical policies or guidelines from the requirements of the bill to the extent that an action taken by a health care provider violates the institution's religious, moral, or ethical policies or guidelines. Further, the bill prohibits any examining board or affiliated credentialing board in the Department of Safety and Professional Services from retaliating against, discriminating against, or taking adverse action against, or denying, suspending, limiting, or revoking a credential to, a health care provider for expressing his or her professional opinions.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

