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## General Comment

When one chooses a profession, one must take into account all the duties and obligations which one must meet when acting in that profession. Firefighters must fight fires even in homes owned by members of religious, political or other cultural groups with which they do not agree. Lawyers must defend clients without regard to those same factors, just as prosecutors must prosecute those with whom they are in agreement. Doctors and nurses must care for patients without regard to those same factors. The same holds true for all healthcare providers, a category that includes pharmacists.

Vegetarians at food stores and restaurants can not refuse to serve meat, retail personnel who are animal rights supporters can not refuse to sell leather or other animal goods, hotel clerks can (no longer) refuse accommodation to couples of whose composition they do not approve, without losing their jobs. Jobs they should never have taken up in the first place.

Nobody has an unalienable right to a job, and no licensed professional has the right to violate their licensure requirements simply because they do not want to. A pharmacist's job is to fill prescriptions and counsel patients with the most current, correct and complete scientific information available for those prescriptions. If a pharmacist feels they are unable to fill a prescription, ANY prescription, they have no right to demand that they be allowed to continue in their job as a pharmacist. If they refuse to fill a prescription, ANY prescription, their license should be revoked.