

# North Carolina



## GOVERNMENT

<b>Religious Freedom Restoration Act</b>	Religious Freedom Restoration Act	
<b>Absentee Voting</b>	Absentee Voting	✓
<b>Nonparticipation in Weddings by Public Officials</b>	Nonparticipation in Weddings by Public Officials	✓



## HEALTH CARE

<b>General Conscience Protection</b>	General Conscience Protection	
<b>Abortion Refusal</b>	Individual-Level Abortion Refusal	✓
	Private Hospital Abortion Refusal	✓
	Public Hospital Abortion Refusal	✓
	Immunity from Civil Liability (Abortion)	✓
	Immunity from Criminal Liability (Abortion)	
	Protection from Government Consequences (Abortion)	
	Refusal in Emergency (Abortion)	✓
	Disposal of Abortion Remains*	
<b>Sterilization Refusal</b>	Individual-Level Sterilization Refusal	
	Private Hospital Sterilization Refusal	
	Public Hospital Sterilization Refusal	
	Immunity from Civil Liability (Sterilization)	
	Immunity from Criminal Liability (Sterilization)	
	Protection from Government Consequences (Sterilization)	
<b>Contraception Refusal</b>	Individual-Level Contraception Refusal	
	Private Hospital Contraception Refusal	
	Public Hospital Contraception Refusal	
	Immunity from Civil Liability (Contraception)	
	Immunity from Criminal Liability (Contraception)	
	Protection from Government Consequences (Contraception)	
<b>Euthanasia Refusal*</b>	Euthanasia Refusal*	
<b>Recusal of Counseling Provider*</b>	Recusal of Counseling Provider*	
<b>Health Insurance Mandates</b>	Exemption from Contraception Mandate	✓
	Exemption from Abortion Mandate	✓
	Exemption from Sterilization Mandate	✓

Safeguards or items marked with an asterisk (\*) are new in 2025.



ECONOMIC LIFE

For-Profit Business Nonparticipation in Wedding Ceremonies	For-Profit Business Nonparticipation in Wedding Ceremonies
No Religious Discrimination in Financial Services/Insurance Provision*	Insurance Companies Prohibited from Denying Access*
	Financial Institutions Prohibited from Denying Access*



RELIGIOUS LIFE

Clergy as Mandatory Reporters	Clergy as Mandatory Reporters
Ceremonial Use of Alcohol by Minors	Furnishment to Minors <span style="float: right;">✓</span>
	Consumption by Minors <span style="float: right;">✓</span>
Houses of Worship Protected from Closing	Houses of Worship Protected from Closing
Nonparticipation in Weddings by Clergy	Nonparticipation in Weddings by Clergy
Religious Entity Refusal to Participate in Weddings	Nonparticipation by Religious Organizations
	Explicit Protection of Tax-Exempt Status
	Protections from Government Penalties Beyond Tax-Exempt Status



FAMILY AND EDUCATION

Immunization Requirement Exemption	Immunization Requirement Exemption <span style="float: right;">✓</span>
School Protections	Public K-12 Students Excused for Religious Observance <span style="float: right;">✓</span>
	Public K-12 Students Excused for Religious Instruction
	Public College and University Students Excused for Religious Observance <span style="float: right;">✓</span>
	Right of Student Athletes to Wear Faith-Related Attire*
	Right to Opt-Out of Sex Education Assignments* <span style="float: right;">✓</span>
No Religious Discrimination in Foster Parent Eligibility*	No Religious Discrimination in Foster Parent Eligibility*

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# Religious Liberty in the States 2025 Rankings

