

Tennessee



GOVERNMENT

Religious Freedom Restoration Act	Religious Freedom Restoration Act	✓
Absentee Voting	Absentee Voting	✓
Nonparticipation in Weddings by Public Officials	Nonparticipation in Weddings by Public Officials	



HEALTH CARE

General Conscience Protection	General Conscience Protection	
Abortion Refusal	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*	
Sterilization Refusal	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)	
Contraception Refusal	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)	
Euthanasia Refusal*	Euthanasia Refusal*	
Recusal of Counseling Provider*	Recusal of Counseling Provider*	✓
Health Insurance Mandates	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	✓
	Consumption by Minors	✓
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	✓
School Protections	Public K-12 Students Excused for Religious Observance	✓
	Public K-12 Students Excused for Religious Instruction	
	Public College and University Students Excused for Religious Observance	
	Right of Student Athletes to Wear Faith-Related Attire*	
	Right to Opt-Out of Sex Education Assignments*	✓
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



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