

**PROBATE CODE OF 1939 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 288 of 1939**

**710.23g Requirement to provide services that conflict with child placing agency's religious beliefs prohibited; adverse action against child placing agency prohibited.**

Sec. 23g.

In accordance with sections 14e and 14f of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.124e and 722.124f, a child placing agency shall not be required to provide adoption services if those adoption services conflict with, or provide adoption services under circumstances that conflict with, the child placing agency's sincerely held religious beliefs contained in a written policy, statement of faith, or other document adhered to by the child placing agency. Also, in accordance with sections 14e and 14f of 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.124e and 722.124f, the state or a local unit of government shall not take an adverse action against a child placing agency on the basis that the child placing agency has declined or will decline to provide adoption services that conflict with, or provide adoption services under circumstances that conflict with, the child placing agency's sincerely held religious beliefs contained in a written policy, statement of faith, or other document adhered to by the child placing agency.

**History:** Add. 2015, Act 54, Eff. Sept. 9, 2015

**Compiler's Notes:** Enacting section 1 of Act 54 of 2015 provides: "Enacting section 1. It is the intent of the legislature to protect child placing agencies' free exercise of religion protected by the United States constitution and the state constitution of 1963. This amendatory act is not intended to limit or deny any person's right to adopt a child."