

NEVADA WEIGHS PHARMACIST CONSCIENCE RULES

Catholic League president Bill Donohue offered the following remarks today on the right of Nevada pharmacists to deny a prescription for a drug they cannot morally endorse:

“On October 26, the Nevada Board of Pharmacy will consider the issue of allowing pharmacists the right to deny a prescription for medication they cannot in good conscience fill. At stake is the right of patients to obtain prescribed medication from their local pharmacist versus the right of pharmacists to abide by their moral or religious convictions. Justice demands that the rights of pharmacists be honored. It is one thing to be inconvenienced by having to shop around, quite another to have one’s religious convictions violated by the state. Put differently, there is no constitutional right to being conveniently serviced, but there is a constitutional right to religious liberty. And all religious liberties begin with the right of conscience.

“We are contacting the Nevada Board of Pharmacy about our concerns today.”