

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

CARMELITE SISTERS FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM,)
INC.; ST. PATRICK’S RESIDENCE; LITTLE SISTERS)
OF THE POOR CHICAGO PROVINCE, INC.; LITTLE)
SISTERS OF THE POOR CHICAGO, INC., D/B/A ST.)
MARY’S HOME; LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR OF)
PALATINE, INC., D/B/A ST. JOSEPH’S HOME; HIS)
EMINENCE BLASE CARDINAL CUPICH,)
ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO; LUKE VANDER)
BLEEK; MORR-FITZ, INC. D/B/A FITZGERALD)
PHARMACY,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

TERRY PRINCE, in his official capacity as the Director of)
the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs; SAMEER)
VOHRA, in his official capacity as Director of the Illinois)
Department of Public Health; MARIO TRETO, JR., in his)
official capacity as Secretary of the Illinois Department of)
Financial and Professional Regulation,)

Defendants.)

Case No.: 1:26-cv-10665

Hon. Franklin U. Valderrama
U.S. District Judge

STIPULATED TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

Before the Court in this matter is the Parties’ Stipulated Motion for Temporary Restraining Order against enforcement of certain provisions of the End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act (“EOLO”), 410 ILCS 22, effective September 12, 2026, and certain provisions of the Health Care Right of Conscience Act (“HCRCA”), 745 ILCS 70, to the extent they are related to acts or omissions under EOLO, pending the issuance of the mandate in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals’ decision in *NIFLA v. Treto* and *Schroeder v. Treto* (Nos. 25-1603, 25-1659, 25-1655, & 25-1657), and this Court’s subsequent ruling on Plaintiffs’ expected motion for preliminary injunction.

WHEREFORE, the parties having stipulated to the terms of the following temporary restraining order, and for the reasons and on the conditions provided in the parties' corresponding Stipulated Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, ECF No. 21 the Court hereby **GRANTS** the Parties' motion and enters the following temporary restraining order:

Defendants Mario Treto, Jr., in his official capacity as the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, and Sameer Vohra, M.D., in his capacity as the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, their officers, agents, and employees, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, are restrained from enforcing against Plaintiffs and those providing care on their premises, and Catholic health care entities in the Archdiocese of Chicago, Illinois under Plaintiff Cardinal Blase Cupich's authority, (i) the End of Life Options Act, 410 ILCS 22, or (ii) subsections 6.1(1) through 6.1(3) of the Health Care Right of Conscience Act, 745 ILCS 70, to the extent they relate to acts or omissions under the End of Life Options Act. The foregoing restraint from enforcement includes refraining from treating Plaintiffs' noncompliance with any such provisions as a basis for liability, discipline, or licensure action under any law, pending the issuance of the mandate following the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals' decision in *NIFLA v. Treto* and *Schroeder v. Treto* (Nos. 25-1603, 25-1659, 25-1655, & 25-1657), and this Court's subsequent ruling on Plaintiffs' expected motion for preliminary injunction.

After the expiration of this Order, Defendants shall not impose any discipline, liability, or licensure consequences for acts or omissions that occurred while this Order was in effect if this Order would have prevented them from imposing such discipline, liability, or licensure consequences while this Order was in effect.

After the mandate is issued by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in *NIFLA v. Treto* and *Schroeder v. Treto* (Nos. 25-1603, 25-1659, 25-1655, & 25-1657), the parties shall notify this Court within 7 days and jointly propose a schedule for the filing and briefing of Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction.

The terms of this Order will be unaffected by any amended complaint in this matter. This Order remains in full force and effect until the Court rules on Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction or as further ordered by the Court. The parties reserve all rights to seek to modify or lift this temporary restraining order at any time.

This injunction applies only to the named plaintiffs of *Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, Inc. v. Prince*, Case no. 1:26-cv-10665 and those healthcare entities acting under Cardinal Cupich's authority and those providing care on Plaintiffs' premises, and does not prevent the Illinois Department of Public Health or the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation from pursuing enforcement actions against non-parties who violate the Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 11, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Franklin U. Valderrama", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

United States District Judge
Franklin U. Valderrama