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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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MASTRIANO, YAW, PITTMAN, STEFANO AND BAKER, MAY 5, 2021

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REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MAY 5, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for vaccinations.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
6 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

7 CHAPTER 59

8 VACCINATIONS

9 Sec.

10 5901. Legislative policy and declarations.

11 5902. Definitions.

12 5903. Requirement to show proof of vaccination prohibited.

13 § 5901. Legislative policy and declarations.

14 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

15 (1) None of the vaccines currently used to vaccinate  
16 against COVID-19 are approved medical products by the Federal  
17 Drug Administration and are instead being used under

1 Emergency Use Authorization. Under Federal law, an individual  
2 must be given the option to accept or refuse administration  
3 of the product.

4 (2) Many Pennsylvanians have not been able to receive a  
5 COVID-19 vaccine due to delays in administration of the  
6 vaccines and many individuals cannot receive the vaccine due  
7 to illness.

8 (3) Vaccination records are private health information  
9 and should not be disclosed under government mandate.

10 (4) A governmental requirement to obtain a vaccination  
11 infringes on individual freedom and harms patient privacy.

12 (5) Trusting business entities to make their own  
13 decisions is in the best interest of the business entities'  
14 employees and customers.

15 § 5902. Definitions.

16 As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases  
17 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
18 context clearly indicates otherwise:

19 "Business entity." A sole proprietorship, corporation,  
20 joint-stock association or company, partnership, limited  
21 partnership, limited liability company, association, business  
22 trust, syndicate or other commercial or professional activity  
23 organized under the laws of this Commonwealth or any other  
24 jurisdiction.

25 "COVID-19." The novel coronavirus as identified in the  
26 Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on March 6,  
27 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020).

28 "Government entity." A Commonwealth agency or political  
29 subdivision.

30 "Political subdivision." A county, city, borough,

1 incorporated town, township or school district of this  
2 Commonwealth or an agency designated to act on behalf of a  
3 political subdivision.

4 § 5903. Requirement to show proof of vaccination prohibited.

5 No government entity shall require proof of vaccination  
6 against COVID-19 to use any service, enter any building or  
7 undertake any activity within the territorial limits or the  
8 jurisdiction of the government entity.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.