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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MASTRIANO AND HUTCHINSON, MARCH 25, 2021

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REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 25, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting the mandatory vaccination of Pennsylvania residents  
2 by the Commonwealth, political subdivisions or as a condition  
3 of employment.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Medical  
8 Freedom Act.

9 Section 2. Scope.

10 This act relates to limitations on vaccine requirements.

11 Section 3. Findings and declarations.

12 The General Assembly finds and declares:

13 (1) Every resident in this Commonwealth has the  
14 inalienable right to bodily integrity and should be free from  
15 any threat or compulsion that the individual must receive a  
16 vaccination.

17 (2) An individual who exercises the right not to be  
18 vaccinated must not be denied any right or privilege of  
19 citizenship.

1 (3) Currently this Commonwealth allows for medical and  
2 religious exemptions for immunizations and these rights  
3 should be given to all Pennsylvania residents who do not want  
4 to receive an immunization.

5 Section 4. Prohibition.

6 The following apply:

7 (1) The Commonwealth or a political subdivision of the  
8 Commonwealth, or an agent thereof, may not mandate an  
9 individual in this Commonwealth to receive a vaccination.

10 (2) A State agency or political subdivision may not  
11 enact or issue a rule, ordinance, order or any similar policy  
12 that would result in an individual being required to submit  
13 to a vaccination.

14 (3) A State agency or political subdivision, or an agent  
15 thereof, may not take an action which would result in an  
16 individual being required to submit to a vaccination,  
17 including as a condition of employment, access to education,  
18 the ability to travel, entry to a public place or contracting  
19 with a State agency or political subdivision.

20 (4) A vaccination offered by the Commonwealth as part of  
21 a mass vaccination effort may only be provided to  
22 individuals who consent to receiving the vaccination, without  
23 coercion, after receiving full information of all known  
24 ingredients, risks and benefits prior to the vaccination.

25 (5) Employers are prohibited from taking any adverse  
26 employment action against an individual who declines a  
27 vaccination, including, but not limited to, termination,  
28 suspension, involuntary reassignment, unpaid leave, demotion,  
29 harassment or coercion. If an employer violates the  
30 provisions of this paragraph, an aggrieved employee shall

1 have the right apply for and receive unemployment benefits.

2 (6) An individual may not be discriminated against,  
3 denied entrance, service, the ability to purchase goods or  
4 receive medical care or to participate for refusal to accept  
5 a vaccination.

6 (7) A citizen may not be forced or coerced to sign a  
7 vaccination declination waiver that is condemning, self-  
8 incriminating or does not properly express the citizen's  
9 beliefs.

10 Section 5. Notice.

11 If the Commonwealth or a political subdivision, or an agent  
12 thereof, recommends an individual receive a vaccination, the  
13 official or entity shall provide notice that the recommendation  
14 is not mandatory in each oral or written statement made.

15 Section 6. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect immediately.