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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MASTRIANO, PENNYCUICK, HUTCHINSON AND REGAN,  
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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting the mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of Pennsylvania  
2 residents by the Commonwealth, political subdivisions or as a  
3 condition 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 COVID-19 vaccine  
11 requirements.

12 Section 3. Findings and declarations.

13 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

14 (1) Every resident in this Commonwealth has the  
15 inalienable right to bodily integrity and should be free from  
16 any threat or compulsion that the individual must receive a  
17 COVID-19 vaccination.

18 (2) An individual who exercises the right not to be

1 vaccinated or receive a pharmaceutical or any drug must not  
2 be denied any right or privilege of citizenship.

3 (3) Currently this Commonwealth allows for medical and  
4 religious exemptions for immunizations and these rights  
5 should be given to all Pennsylvania residents who do not want  
6 to receive an immunization, including, but not limited to, a  
7 COVID-19 or SARS-CoV "vaccine," or to receive a  
8 pharmaceutical or any drug.

9 Section 4. Prohibition.

10 The following apply:

11 (1) The Commonwealth or a political subdivision of the  
12 Commonwealth, or an agent thereof, may not mandate an  
13 individual in this Commonwealth to receive a COVID-19 or  
14 other vaccination, including, but not limited to, a SARS-CoV  
15 "vaccine," or to receive any pharmaceutical or drug.

16 (2) A State agency or political subdivision may not  
17 enact or issue a rule, ordinance, order or any similar policy  
18 that would result in an individual being required to submit  
19 to or receive a COVID-19 or other vaccination, including, but  
20 not limited to, a SARS-CoV "vaccine," or to receive any  
21 pharmaceutical or drug.

22 (3) A State agency or political subdivision, or an agent  
23 thereof, may not take an action which would result in an  
24 individual being required to submit to or receive a COVID-19  
25 or other vaccination, including, but not limited to, a SARS-  
26 CoV "vaccine," or to receive any pharmaceutical or drug,  
27 including as a condition of employment, access to education,  
28 the ability to travel, entry to a public place or contracting  
29 with a State agency or political subdivision.

30 (4) A COVID-19 or other vaccination, including, but not

1 limited to, a COVID-19 or SARS-CoV "vaccine," or any  
2 pharmaceutical or drug, offered by the Commonwealth as part  
3 of a mass vaccination or other effort may only be provided to  
4 individuals who provide informed consent in writing to  
5 receiving the vaccination, without coercion, after receiving  
6 and being provided a copy in writing in paper format of full  
7 information of all known ingredients, risks and benefits  
8 prior to the COVID-19 or other vaccination, including, but  
9 not limited to, a COVID-19 or SARS-CoV "vaccine," or any  
10 pharmaceutical or drug.

11 (5) Employers are prohibited from taking any adverse  
12 employment action against an individual who declines to  
13 receive a COVID-19 or other vaccination, including, but not  
14 limited to, a COVID-19 or SARS-CoV "vaccine," or any  
15 pharmaceutical or drug, including, but not limited to,  
16 discrimination, termination, suspension, involuntary  
17 reassignment, unpaid leave, demotion, harassment, coercion or  
18 retaliation. If an employer violates the provisions of this  
19 paragraph, an aggrieved employee shall have the right to  
20 apply for and receive unemployment benefits, as well as back  
21 pay, front pay, lost wages, consequential damages, emotional  
22 damages, court and litigation costs and attorney fees. If the  
23 employer willfully and maliciously discriminates or commits a  
24 violation under this paragraph it shall also be liable to the  
25 employee for punitive damages in the treble amount of the  
26 actual damages awarded.

27 (6) An individual may not be discriminated against or  
28 denied entrance, service or the ability to purchase goods,  
29 receive medical care or to participate for refusal to accept  
30 a COVID-19 vaccination or other vaccination, including, but

1 not limited to, a COVID-19 or SARS-CoV "vaccine," or any  
2 pharmaceutical or drug.

3 (7) A citizen may not be forced or coerced to sign a  
4 COVID-19 vaccination declination waiver.

5 Section 5. Notice.

6 If the Commonwealth or a political subdivision, or an agent  
7 thereof, recommends that an individual receive a COVID-19  
8 vaccination or other vaccination, including, but not limited to,  
9 a COVID-19 or SARS-CoV "vaccine," or any pharmaceutical or drug,  
10 the official or entity shall provide notice that the  
11 recommendation is not mandatory in each oral or written  
12 statement made.

13 Section 6. Effective date.

14 This act shall take effect immediately.