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HOUSE BILL NO. 1041

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HEALTH/MEDICAL TREATMENT: Prohibits certain entities from prohibiting access based on a person's medical intervention status

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part IX of Chapter 5-G of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be  
3 comprised of R.S. 40:1300.81 through 1300.86, relative to medical interventions; to  
4 provide for a short title; to provide for legislative intent; to provide definitions; to  
5 prohibit conditioning access to certain business and governmental entities based on  
6 medical intervention status; to provide for exceptions; to provide for enforcement;  
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Part IX of Chapter 5-G of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of  
10 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1300.81 through 1300.86, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 PART IX. LOUISIANA MEDICAL FREEDOM ACT

12 §1300.81. Short title

13 This Part shall be known and may be cited as the "Louisiana Medical  
14 Freedom Act".

15 §1300.82. Purpose

16 The purpose of this Part is to protect the right of individuals to make  
17 autonomous decisions regarding medical interventions without discrimination,  
18 coercion, or exclusion by public entities.

1        §1300.83. Definitions

2                As used in this Section, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to  
3        them:

4                (1) "Business entity" means any individual or group engaged in any activity,  
5        profession, or enterprise for gain, benefit, or livelihood, whether for-profit or  
6        nonprofit, including self-employed individuals, corporations, partnerships, limited  
7        liability companies, trusts, or any entity registered, licensed, or authorized to operate  
8        in this state.

9                (2) "Government entity" means any state, parish, municipal, or local  
10        government or any political subdivision, including but not limited to any department,  
11        agency, authority, commission, board, council, committee, office, task force,  
12        working group, or other body established by or in accordance with the authority of  
13        the laws of such entity.

14                (3) "Medical intervention" means a medical procedure, treatment, device,  
15        drug, injection, medication, or medical action taken to monitor, diagnose, prevent,  
16        treat, or cure a disease or alter the health or biological function of a person. Medical  
17        interventions include but are not limited to vaccines, biologics, swabs, and tests,  
18        including genetic and genomic testing, pills, capsules, creams, sprays, liquids,  
19        injections, chips, devices, and monitors.

20                (4) "School" means any public, private, or parochial educational institution,  
21        including preschools and daycares, schools, and postsecondary institutions including  
22        trade schools, colleges, and universities.

23        §1300.84. Prohibition of medical mandates

24                A. A business entity shall not deny, restrict, or otherwise penalize any  
25        individual's access to services, products, venues, education, training, trade, or  
26        transportation based on the individual's refusal of a medical intervention.

27                B. A business entity shall not require a medical intervention as a condition  
28        of employment.

1           C. A ticket issuer shall not discriminate against or deny access to any person  
2           at an event based on his status with respect to any medical intervention.

3           D.(1) A school, daycare, or institution of learning shall not mandate a  
4           medical intervention for any person to attend, enter campus or buildings, or be  
5           employed, or to participate in any extracurricular activities, including but not limited  
6           to clubs, performances, arts, or athletics.

7           (2) A school, daycare, or institution of learning complies with the provisions  
8           of this Part if the school, daycare, or institution of learning complies with the  
9           immunization requirements of R.S. 17:170. No additional medical intervention  
10          requirement shall be imposed in excess of the requirements of R.S. 17:170.

11          E. A government entity or official shall not require a medical intervention  
12          for any of the following:

13           (1) Access to government services.

14           (2) Use of public buildings, facilities, infrastructure, or transportation.

15           (3) Employment by government entities.

16          F. An individual shall not receive differential compensation, benefits, or  
17          treatment based on their refusal of a medical intervention. However, an employer  
18          may permit an employee to take time off, at his discretion, to voluntarily obtain  
19          medical interventions.

20          G. Any requirements for medical interventions which are allowed, in  
21          accordance with this Part, shall remain subject to any applicable laws or legal  
22          precedents providing for or protecting exemptions and reasonable accommodations.

23          H. Personal protective equipment may be required as part of occupational  
24          safety standards, if such requirements are consistent with adopted federal and state  
25          workplace and occupational safety regulations, and do not discriminate based on  
26          medical intervention status. An individual shall not be compelled to wear or  
27          otherwise be subjected to personal protective equipment for a specific purpose that  
28          is authorized solely under an emergency use authorization or any similar emergency,

1 provisional, temporary, or expedited authorization that is contingent upon a declared  
2 emergency or waiver of standard approval requirements.

3 I. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to prevent compliance with child  
4 welfare laws of this state.

5 J. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to prohibit compliance with R.S.  
6 40:31.21 or other applicable laws of this state relating to the control and prevention  
7 of tuberculosis.

8 K. A healthcare facility, provider, or employer is exempt from the provisions  
9 of this Part.

10 §1300.85. Enforcement and remedies

11 Violations of this Part may be prosecuted by the attorney general or  
12 appropriate parish or municipal prosecutor. If a violation is proven, attorney's fees  
13 and court costs may be awarded.

14 §1300.86. Non-exclusion of healthy individuals

15 Under no circumstance shall a healthy individual or alleged asymptomatic  
16 carrier of an illness be excluded from public activities based on the individual having  
17 declined a medical intervention during an outbreak or public health emergency.

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits denial of access or discriminatory practices against a person based on his medical intervention status.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the "Louisiana Medical Freedom Act". Proposed law further provides the legislative purpose behind proposed law.

Proposed law provides for definitions.

Proposed law prohibits a state, parish, or local government entity or official in this state from requiring a person to receive or use a medical intervention as a condition of employment, entry into a public building, service, public assistance or aid, or licensure.

Proposed law prohibits a business entity operating in this state from requiring a medical intervention as a term of employment. Proposed law further prohibits a business entity

operating in this state from denying services, products, admission, or transportation based solely on a person's medical intervention status.

Proposed law prohibits a public or private trade school, college, or university from mandating a medical intervention, such as a vaccine or other drug, as a condition of entering the building or otherwise participating in activities.

Proposed law prohibits a person from taking an adverse action or imposing any penalty against an individual lawfully residing in this state for the individual's refusal or failure to obtain a medical intervention.

Proposed law authorizes the use of personal protective equipment as part of occupational safety but prohibits compelling a person to wear personal protective equipment as a result of an emergency.

Proposed law provides that if the business or governmental entity is found to violate the provisions proposed law, the attorney general may be awarded attorney's fees and costs incurred pursuing the enforcement action.

Present law requires students entering a school within the state to obtain immunizations and provide proof of immunization prior to attending school.

Present law provides that a student is not required to obtain an immunization or provide proof of any immunization if the student or his parents or guardian submits either a written statement from a physician stating that the immunization is contraindicated for medical reasons or the student or guardian submits a written dissent to receiving an immunization.

Proposed law provides that a school shall be in compliance with proposed law if it is in compliance with present law regarding immunizations.

Proposed law creates an exception to proposed law for child welfare laws, present law provisions relative to tuberculosis treatment and prevention, and healthcare providers.

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.81-1300.86)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Add exceptions to proposed law for child welfare laws, tuberculosis treatment and prevention, and healthcare providers.
2. Remove provision repealing present law relative to school procedures for unvaccinated children.