

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 926

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

VACCINES/VACCINATION: Prohibits the use of vaccine status to determine admission to public buildings

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1300.81 through 1300.86, relative to vaccination status and admission to
3 public buildings; to provide for individual rights regarding medical decisions; to
4 provide for definitions; to provide for the prohibition of medical mandates; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1300.81 through 1300.86 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1300.81. Short title

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Louisiana Medical
10 Freedom Act".

11 §1300.82. Purpose

12 The purpose of this Act is to protect the right of individuals to make
13 autonomous decisions regarding medical interventions without discrimination,
14 coercion, or exclusion by public entities.

15 §1300.83. Definitions

16 As used in this Section:

17 (1) "Business entity" means any individual or group engaged in any activity,
18 profession, or enterprise for gain, benefit, or livelihood, whether for-profit or
19 nonprofit, including self-employed individuals, corporations, partnerships, limited

1 liability companies, trusts, or any entity registered, licensed, or authorized to operate
2 in the state.

3 (2) "Government entity" means any state, parish, municipal, or local
4 government or any political subdivision thereof, including but not limited to any
5 department, agency, authority, commission, board, council, committee, office, task
6 force, working group, or other body established by or under the authority of the laws
7 of such government or subdivision.

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

14 §1300.84. Prohibition of medical mandates

15 (1) No business entity shall deny, restrict, or otherwise penalize any
16 individual's access to services, products, venues, education, training, trade, or
17 transportation based on the individual's refusal of a medical intervention.

18 (2) A business entity shall not require a medical intervention as a condition
19 of employment.

20 (3) No ticket issuer shall discriminate against or deny access to any person
21 at an event based on his status with respect to any medical intervention.

22 (4) No government entity or official shall require a medical intervention for
23 any of the following:

24 (a) Access to government services.

25 (b) Use of public buildings, facilities, infrastructure, or transportation.

26 (c) Employment by government entities.

27 (5) Any requirements for medical interventions which are allowed under this
28 law remain subject to any applicable laws or legal precedents providing for or
29 protecting exemptions and reasonable accommodations.

1 (6) Nothing in this Part shall be construed to prevent compliance with child
2 welfare laws of the state.

3 §1300.85. Enforcement and remedies

4 Violations of this Part may be prosecuted by the state's attorney general or
5 appropriate parish or municipal prosecutor. If a violation is proven attorney's fees
6 and court costs may be awarded.

7 §1300.86. Non-exclusion of healthy individuals

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

11 Section 2. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such
12 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given
13 effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this
14 Act are hereby declared severable.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the prohibition of the use of vaccination status to prevent admission to public buildings and events, provides for individual rights regarding medical intervention decisions, and provides for the prohibition of medical mandates.

Proposed law names the proposed law the Louisiana Medical Freedom Act.

Proposed law states the legislative purpose of the proposed law.

Proposed law lists relevant definitions.

Proposed law prohibits business entities, ticket issuers, and government entities or officials from requiring medical intervention or refusing an individual's access to services, products, venues, trade, transportation, public buildings, public infrastructure, or government employment.

Proposed law provides for enforcement through the attorney general's office or appropriate local prosecutor and remedies if the proposed law is violated.

Proposed law prevents healthy individuals or alleged asymptomatic individuals from being excluded from public activities based upon the individual declining medical intervention during an outbreak or public health emergency.

Proposed law provides for severability.

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