
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 intent behind proposed law.

Proposed law defines "business entity" and "medical intervention".

Proposed law provides that the right of a person to refuse any medical intervention for himself or for his minor child or anyone for whom he has authority as a tutor or curator, shall not be questioned or interfered with in any manner.

Proposed law prohibits a person from being denied a right to public accommodation, equal protection under the law, or seeking restitution for harm or having his right infringed upon because of his desire to exercise the rights provided for in proposed law.

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 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 prohibits a business or governmental entity from requiring a person to wear a face mask, a face shield, or any other facial covering that covers the mouth and nose.

Proposed law prohibits a business or governmental entity from denying any person access to, entry upon, service from, or admission to the entity or otherwise discriminating against a person based on a person's refusal to wear a face mask, a face shield, or any other facial covering that covers the mouth and nose.

Proposed law provides that the following circumstances when the aforementioned provisions of proposed law are not applicable:

- (1) When a healthcare provider as defined present law (R.S. 40:1223.3) is required to wear a face mask, a face shield, or any other facial covering that covers the mouth and nose due to such items being required safety equipment consistent with occupational or laboratory safety requirements.
- (2) When a business or governmental entity requires a face mask, a face shield, or any other facial covering that covers the mouth and nose due to such items being required safety equipment consistent with occupational or laboratory safety requirements.

Proposed law states that a government or business entity that violates the provisions of proposed law shall be liable for statutory damages of not less than \$5,000 per violation and any other remedies available under law.

Proposed law allows the prevailing party in an action brought pursuant to proposed law to recover reasonable expenses incurred as a result of this action.

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.81-1300.85)