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To: Public Health and  
Welfare; Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2045

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ANTI-COVID VACCINE MANDATE ACT; TO  
2 PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON A PERSON'S VACCINATION STATUS OR  
3 POSSESSION OF AN IMMUNITY PASSPORT; TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON,  
4 BUSINESS ENTITY OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY SHALL NOT REQUIRE A PERSON  
5 TO RECEIVE A VACCINE THAT IS ALLOWED UNDER AN EMERGENCY USE  
6 AUTHORIZATION; TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS TO WHAT SHALL BE  
7 CONSIDERED AN UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE; AND FOR RELATED  
8 PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
11 "Anti-Covid Vaccine Mandate Act."

12 **SECTION 2.** **Discrimination based on vaccination status or**  
13 **possession of immunity passport prohibited.** (1) For purposes of  
14 this act, unless the context requires otherwise, the following  
15 terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

16 (a) "Immunity passport" means a document, digital  
17 record or software application indicating that a person is immune  
18 to a disease, either through vaccination or infection and  
19 recovery.

20 (b) "Vaccination status" means an indication of whether  
21 a person has received one or more doses of a vaccine.



22 (2) A person, business entity or governmental entity shall  
23 not require a person to receive any vaccine.

24 (3) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5) of this  
25 section, it shall be considered an unlawful discriminatory  
26 practice for:

27 (a) A person, business entity or a governmental entity  
28 to refuse, withhold from or deny to a person any local or state  
29 services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing,  
30 educational opportunities, health care access or employment  
31 opportunities based on the person's vaccination status or whether  
32 the person has an immunity passport;

33 (b) An employer to refuse employment to a person, to  
34 bar a person from employment, or to discriminate against a person  
35 in compensation or in a term, condition, or privilege of  
36 employment based on the person's vaccination status or whether the  
37 person has an immunity passport; or

38 (c) A public accommodation to exclude, limit,  
39 segregate, refuse to serve or otherwise discriminate against a  
40 person based on the person's vaccination status or whether the  
41 person has an immunity passport.

42 (4) This section shall not apply to vaccination requirements  
43 set forth for schools pursuant to Sections 41-23-37 and 43-20-8,  
44 Mississippi Code of 1972.

45 (5) It shall not be considered an unlawful discriminatory  
46 practice for a governmental entity, business entity or individual



47 to implement reasonable accommodation measures for employees,  
48 patients, visitors and other persons who are not vaccinated or not  
49 immune to protect the safety and health of employees, patients,  
50 visitors and other persons from communicable diseases.

51 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
52 and after July 1, 2022.

