

By: Senator(s) McDaniel

To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency;
Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2368

1 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATION OF
2 MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS BY THE STATE, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR AS A
3 CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) **Short title.** This act shall be known and
6 may be cited as the Medical Freedom Act.

7 (2) **Scope.** This act relates to limitations on COVID-19
8 vaccine requirements.

9 (3) **Findings and declarations.** The Legislature finds and
10 declares that:

11 (a) Every resident in this state has the inalienable
12 right to bodily integrity and should be free from any threat or
13 compulsion that the individual must receive a vaccination.

14 (b) An individual who exercises the right not to
15 receive a COVID-19 vaccine must not be denied any right or
16 privilege of citizenship.

17 (c) Currently this state allows for medical and
18 religious exemptions for immunizations and these rights should be



19 given to all Mississippi residents who do not want to receive a
20 COVID-19 vaccine.

21 (4) **Prohibition.** The following apply:

22 (a) The State of Mississippi or a political subdivision
23 of the state, or an agent thereof, may not mandate an individual
24 in this state to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

25 (b) A state agency or political subdivision may not
26 enact or issue a rule, ordinance, order or any similar policy that
27 would result in an individual being required to submit to a
28 vaccination.

29 (c) A state agency or political subdivision, or an
30 agent thereof, may not take an action which would result in an
31 individual being required to submit to a vaccination, including as
32 a condition of employment, access to education, the ability to
33 travel, entry to a public place or contracting with a state agency
34 or political subdivision.

35 (d) A vaccination offered by the state as part of a
36 mass vaccination effort may only be provided to individuals who
37 consent to receiving the vaccination, without coercion, after
38 receiving full information of all known ingredients, risks and
39 benefits prior to the vaccination.

40 (e) Employers are prohibited from taking any adverse
41 employment action against an individual who declines to receive a
42 COVID-19 vaccination, including, but not limited to, termination,
43 suspension, involuntary reassignment, unpaid leave, demotion,



44 harassment or coercion. If an employer violates the provisions of
45 this paragraph, an aggrieved employee shall have the right to
46 apply for and receive unemployment benefits.

47 (f) An individual may not be discriminated against,
48 denied entrance, service, the ability to purchase goods or receive
49 medical care or to participate for refusal to accept a COVID-19
50 vaccination.

51 (g) A citizen may not be forced or coerced to sign a
52 COVID-19 vaccination declination waiver that is condemning,
53 self-incriminating or does not properly express the citizen's
54 beliefs.

55 (5) **Notice.** If the state or a political subdivision, or an
56 agent thereof, recommends an individual receive a COVID-19
57 vaccination, the official or entity shall provide notice that the
58 recommendation is not mandatory in each oral or written statement
59 made.

60 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
61 and after its passage.

