

By: Senator(s) McDaniel

To: Accountability,
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SENATE BILL NO. 2874

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 shall not be denied any right or
16 privilege of citizenship; and

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



19 extended to all Mississippi residents who decline to receive a
20 COVID-19 vaccine.

21 (4) **Prohibitions.** The following prohibitions shall apply:

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

25 (b) A state agency or political subdivision shall 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 COVID-19 vaccination;

29 (c) A state agency or political subdivision, or an
30 agent thereof, shall not take any 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 shall not take any adverse employment
41 action against an individual who declines to receive a COVID-19
42 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, the aggrieved employee shall have the right to
46 apply for and receive unemployment benefits;

47 (f) An individual shall not be discriminated against,
48 denied entrance to or service from any establishment, denied the
49 ability to purchase goods or receive medical care or to
50 participate in any public organization for refusal to accept a
51 COVID-19 vaccination; and

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

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

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

