

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1617

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE VAN SCHOIACK.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to vaccination requirements, with penalty provisions and an emergency clause.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 191.721, to read as follows:

**191.721. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:**

(1) "COVID-19", the disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2;

(2) "Entity", any:

(a) Sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or any other entity that is legally doing business in this state; or

(b) Department, agency, or instrumentality of the state or any political subdivision of the state;

(3) "Political subdivision", any municipality, school district, special district, local governmental body, county, city, town, or village.

2. An entity shall not require any person to undergo or prove receipt of a vaccination against COVID-19, influenza, or any other disease for which vaccination was not required by the entity before January 1, 2020, as a condition of:

(1) Employment or continued employment by the entity;

(2) Entry into any facility or venue controlled or owned by the entity;

(3) Service from the entity;

(4) Access to transportation systems or services provided by the entity; or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

18           **(5) Participation in any program, project, or event held or sponsored by the**  
19 **entity.**

20           **3. Any violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor.**

          Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to protect the right to decline  
2 certain vaccinations, the enactment of section 191.721 of section A of this act is deemed  
3 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and  
4 is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the  
5 enactment of section 191.721 of section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its  
6 passage and approval.

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