CHAPTER 247

HOUSE BILL 2453

AN ACT

REPEALING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 4.2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 6, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 4.2; RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONTROL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Repeal Title 36, chapter 6, article 4.2, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.

Sec. 2. Title 36, chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new article 4.2, to read:

ARTICLE 4.2. PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATES

36-681. Governmental entities; masks; prohibition; exception; definition

A. A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY MAY NOT IMPOSE ANY REQUIREMENT TO WEAR A MASK OR FACE COVERING ANYWHERE ON THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S PREMISES, EXCEPT WHERE LONG-STANDING WORKPLACE SAFETY AND INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES THAT ARE UNRELATED TO COVID-19 MAY BE REQUIRED.

B. THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO A SPECIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO TITLE 48, CHAPTER 31.

C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY" MEANS THIS STATE AND ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE, INCLUDING THE JUDICIARY, THAT RECEIVES AND USES STATE TAX REVENUES.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 20, 2022.