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vaccination mandates; masks; prohibition

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HOUSE BILL 2086

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 36-681 AND 36-685, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING
TITLE 44, CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING
SECTION 44-7952; RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONTROL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 36-681, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-681. Governmental entities; masks; prohibition; definition

5 A. A governmental entity may not impose ON any RESIDENT OF THIS
6 STATE A requirement to wear a mask or face covering ~~anywhere on the~~
7 ~~governmental entity's premises~~, except where long-standing workplace
8 safety and infection control measures that are unrelated to COVID-19 may
9 be required.

10 ~~B. The requirements of this section do not apply to a special~~
11 ~~health care district established pursuant to title 48, chapter 31.~~

12 ~~C.~~ B. For the purposes of this section, "governmental entity"
13 means this state and any political subdivision of this state, including
14 the judiciary, that receives and uses state tax revenues.

15 Sec. 2. Section 36-685, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
16 read:

17 36-685. Vaccinations; prohibition; definition

18 A. ~~Any~~ NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW REQUIRING VACCINATIONS IN THIS
19 TITLE OR TITLE 15 OR THE RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THOSE TITLES, A
20 government entity may not require a resident of this state to receive a
21 vaccination ~~for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19~~ FOR ANY DISEASE OR
22 VIRUS.

23 ~~B. Subsection A of this section does not apply to a health care~~
24 ~~institution that is owned or operated by a government entity in this~~
25 ~~state.~~

26 ~~C.~~ B. For the purposes of this section, "government entity" means
27 this state and any political subdivision of this state that receives and
28 uses tax revenues.

29 Sec. 3. Heading change

30 The chapter heading of title 44, chapter 38, Arizona Revised
31 Statutes, is changed from "BUSINESSES EXEMPT FROM MASK MANDATE" to
32 "BUSINESSES - MASK AND VACCINATION MANDATES".

33 Sec. 4. Title 44, chapter 38, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
34 is amended by adding section 44-7952, to read:

35 44-7952. Businesses; requirement of mask or vaccination
36 prohibited; exception

37 A BUSINESS OPERATING IN THIS STATE MAY NOT REQUIRE THAT A PERSON DO
38 EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING TO ENTER THE BUSINESS'S BUILDING OR PREMISES OR TO
39 BE EMPLOYED:

40 1. WEAR A MASK OR OTHER FACE COVERING, EXCEPT WHERE LONG-STANDING
41 WORKPLACE SAFETY AND INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES MAY BE REQUIRED.

42 2. RECEIVE ANY TYPE OF VACCINATION.