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AN ACT

**AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 4.2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-683; RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATES.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 6, article 4.2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-683, to read:

4 36-683. Medical interventions; prohibition; applicability;
5 enforcement; definitions

6 A. A BUSINESS ENTITY DOING BUSINESS IN THIS STATE MAY NOT:

7 1. REFUSE TO PROVIDE ANY SERVICE, PRODUCT, ADMISSION TO A VENUE OR
8 TRANSPORTATION TO A PERSON BECAUSE THAT PERSON HAS OR HAS NOT RECEIVED OR
9 USED A MEDICAL INTERVENTION.

10 2. REQUIRE ANY MEDICAL INTERVENTION AS A TERM OF EMPLOYMENT UNLESS
11 THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT INCLUDE TRAVEL TO A FOREIGN JURISDICTION REQUIRING
12 A MEDICAL INTERVENTION AS THE ONLY MEANS OF ENTRY OR REQUIRE ENTRY INTO A
13 PLACE OF BUSINESS OR FACILITY IN A FOREIGN JURISDICTION AND THAT PLACE OF
14 BUSINESS OR FACILITY REQUIRES A MEDICAL INTERVENTION AS THE ONLY MEANS OF
15 ENTRY. IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE OR USE A MEDICAL
16 INTERVENTION DUE TO TRAVEL TO A FOREIGN JURISDICTION OR ENTRY INTO A PLACE
17 OF BUSINESS OR FACILITY IN A FOREIGN JURISDICTION, THE MEDICAL
18 INTERVENTION REQUIREMENT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN EITHER A VALID WRITTEN
19 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE EMPLOYER AND THE EMPLOYEE OR, IF A WRITTEN
20 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT DOES NOT EXIST, AN ADVANCE WRITTEN NOTICE THAT IS
21 PROVIDED TO THE IMPACTED EMPLOYEE AT LEAST FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE
22 EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE OR USE THE MEDICAL INTERVENTION. THIS
23 PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO BUSINESS ENTITIES THAT RECEIVE MEDICARE OR
24 MEDICAID FUNDING.

25 B. A TICKET ISSUER MAY NOT PENALIZE, DISCRIMINATE AGAINST OR DENY
26 ACCESS TO AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT BY A TICKET HOLDER BECAUSE THE TICKET
27 HOLDER HAS OR HAS NOT RECEIVED OR USED A MEDICAL INTERVENTION.

28 C. A SCHOOL OPERATING IN THIS STATE MAY NOT REQUIRE A MEDICAL
29 INTERVENTION FOR ANY PERSON TO ATTEND THE SCHOOL, ENTER A CAMPUS OR
30 BUILDING OR BE EMPLOYED, SUBJECT TO THE PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS PRESCRIBED
31 IN SECTION 1-602.

32 D. A BUSINESS ENTITY OPERATING IN THIS STATE MAY NOT REQUIRE A
33 MEDICAL INTERVENTION FOR ANY PERSON TO ATTEND, ENTER THE BUSINESS ENTITY'S
34 BUILDING OR PREMISES OR BE EMPLOYED.

35 E. A STATE, COUNTY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY OR OFFICIAL IN THIS
36 STATE MAY NOT REQUIRE ANY PERSON:

37 1. TO RECEIVE OR USE A MEDICAL INTERVENTION.

38 2. TO RECEIVE OR USE A MEDICAL INTERVENTION AS A CONDITION OF ANY
39 OF THE FOLLOWING:

40 (a) RECEIVING ANY GOVERNMENT BENEFIT.

41 (b) RECEIVING ANY GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

42 (c) RECEIVING ANY GOVERNMENT-ISSUED LICENSE OR PERMIT.

43 (d) ENTERING ANY BUILDING.

44 (e) USING TRANSPORTATION.

1 3. TO RECEIVE OR USE A MEDICAL INTERVENTION AS A TERM OF
2 EMPLOYMENT.

3 F. A BUSINESS ENTITY OR A STATE, COUNTY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THIS
4 STATE MAY NOT PROVIDE OR OFFER ANY DIFFERENT SALARY, HOURLY WAGE OR OTHER
5 ONGOING COMPENSATION OR BENEFIT TO AN EMPLOYEE BASED ON WHETHER THE
6 EMPLOYEE HAS OR HAS NOT RECEIVED OR USED A MEDICAL INTERVENTION.

7 G. THE MEDICAL INTERVENTION PROHIBITIONS PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION
8 DO NOT APPLY TO ANY SITUATION IN WHICH PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT,
9 ITEMS OR CLOTHING ARE REQUIRED BY EMPLOYERS IN THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
10 SECTOR BASED ON EXISTING TRADITIONAL AND ACCEPTED INDUSTRY STANDARDS OR
11 FEDERAL LAW. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO OR INCLUDE ANY VACCINE,
12 MASK REQUIREMENT OR OTHER MEDICAL INTERVENTION THAT WAS INTRODUCED DURING
13 THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

14 H. THIS SECTION MAY BE ENFORCED AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF MAY BE
15 PURSUED BY EITHER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE
16 COUNTY WHERE A VIOLATION OCCURS. IF A BUSINESS ENTITY OR STATE, COUNTY OR
17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY IN THIS STATE IS FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED ANY
18 PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY,
19 AS APPLICABLE, SHALL BE AWARDED ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS INCURRED IN
20 PURSUING THE ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

21 I. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

22 1. "BUSINESS ENTITY":

23 (a) MEANS ANY PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS THAT PERFORMS OR ENGAGES
24 IN ANY ACTIVITY, ENTERPRISE, PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION FOR GAIN, BENEFIT,
25 ADVANTAGE OR LIVELIHOOD, WHETHER FOR PROFIT OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT IN THIS
26 STATE.

27 (b) INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

28 (i) ANY SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, DOMESTIC
29 CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, LIMITED LIABILITY
30 PARTNERSHIP, BUSINESS TRUST, FOREIGN CORPORATION, FOREIGN LIMITED
31 PARTNERSHIP OR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO
32 TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.

33 (ii) ANY BUSINESS ENTITY THAT POSSESSES A BUSINESS LICENSE, PERMIT,
34 CERTIFICATE, APPROVAL, REGISTRATION, CHARTER OR SIMILAR FORM OF
35 AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY THIS STATE.

36 (iii) ANY BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS EXEMPT BY LAW FROM OBTAINING A
37 BUSINESS LICENSE.

38 (iv) ANY BUSINESS ENTITY OPERATING UNLAWFULLY IN THIS STATE WITHOUT
39 A REQUIRED BUSINESS AUTHORIZATION.

40 2. "FOREIGN JURISDICTION" MEANS ANY STATE, COMMONWEALTH, COUNTRY,
41 OR NATION OUTSIDE THIS STATE.

42 3. "MEDICAL INTERVENTION" MEANS A MEDICAL PROCEDURE, TREATMENT,
43 DEVICE, DRUG, INJECTION, MEDICATION OR MEDICAL ACTION TAKEN TO DIAGNOSE,
44 PREVENT OR CURE A DISEASE OR ALTER THE HEALTH OR BIOLOGICAL FUNCTION OF A
45 PERSON.

1 4. "SCHOOL":

2 (a) MEANS ANY LEGAL ENTITY IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES INSTRUCTION
3 TO STUDENTS IN PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS, KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS, ANY OF GRADES
4 ONE THROUGH TWELVE, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, VOCATIONAL
5 PROGRAMS OR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

6 (b) INCLUDES ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, PAROCHIAL SCHOOL OR
7 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

8 (c) DOES NOT INCLUDE TRIBAL COLLEGES.

9 5. "TICKET ISSUER":

10 (a) MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY THAT PROVIDES TICKETS TO AN
11 ENTERTAINMENT EVENT.

12 (b) INCLUDES:

13 (i) THE OPERATOR OF THE VENUE WHERE AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT OCCURS.

14 (ii) THE SPONSOR OR PROMOTER OF AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT.

15 (iii) A SPORTS TEAM THAT IS PARTICIPATING IN AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT
16 OR A LEAGUE WHOSE TEAMS ARE PARTICIPATING IN AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT.

17 (iv) A THEATER COMPANY, MUSICAL GROUP OR SIMILAR ENTITY THAT IS
18 PARTICIPATING IN AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT.

19 (v) AN AGENT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY DESCRIBED IN THIS
20 PARAGRAPH.

21 Sec. 2. Short title

22 This section may be cited as the "Arizona Medical Freedom Act."