

Senate Engrossed House Bill  
medical interventions; prohibition

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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# HOUSE BILL 2248

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, UNLESS EITHER:

32 1. THE PERSON IS A STUDENT WHO IS PROHIBITED FROM ATTENDING SCHOOL  
33 PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-873.

34 2. THE PERSON HAS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INFECTIONS OR INFESTATIONS  
35 AND THE RISK OF SPREADING THE INFECTION OR INFESTATION IS NOT YET  
36 SUFFICIENTLY MITIGATED ACCORDING TO RULES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT:

37 (a) ACUTE CONJUNCTIVITIS.

38 (b) A PEDICULOSIS INFESTATION.

39 (c) A SCABIES INFESTATION.

40 (d) A STREPTOCOCCAL GROUP A INFECTION WITH STREPTOCOCCAL LESIONS OR  
41 STREPTOCOCCAL SORE THROAT.

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

1 E. A STATE, COUNTY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY OR OFFICIAL IN THIS  
2 STATE MAY NOT REQUIRE ANY PERSON:  
3 1. TO RECEIVE OR USE A MEDICAL INTERVENTION.  
4 2. TO RECEIVE OR USE A MEDICAL INTERVENTION AS A CONDITION OF ANY  
5 OF THE FOLLOWING:  
6 (a) RECEIVING ANY GOVERNMENT BENEFIT.  
7 (b) RECEIVING ANY GOVERNMENT SERVICE.  
8 (c) RECEIVING ANY GOVERNMENT-ISSUED LICENSE OR PERMIT.  
9 (d) ENTERING ANY BUILDING.  
10 (e) USING TRANSPORTATION.  
11 3. TO RECEIVE OR USE A MEDICAL INTERVENTION AS A TERM OF  
12 EMPLOYMENT.  
13 F. A BUSINESS ENTITY OR A STATE, COUNTY OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THIS  
14 STATE MAY NOT PROVIDE OR OFFER ANY DIFFERENT SALARY, HOURLY WAGE OR OTHER  
15 ONGOING COMPENSATION OR BENEFIT TO AN EMPLOYEE BASED ON WHETHER THE  
16 EMPLOYEE HAS OR HAS NOT RECEIVED OR USED A MEDICAL INTERVENTION.  
17 G. THE MEDICAL INTERVENTION PROHIBITIONS PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION  
18 DO NOT APPLY TO ANY SITUATION IN WHICH PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT,  
19 ITEMS OR CLOTHING ARE REQUIRED BY EMPLOYERS IN THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE  
20 SECTOR BASED ON EXISTING TRADITIONAL AND ACCEPTED INDUSTRY STANDARDS OR  
21 FEDERAL LAW. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO OR INCLUDE ANY VACCINE,  
22 MASK REQUIREMENT OR OTHER MEDICAL INTERVENTION THAT WAS INTRODUCED DURING  
23 THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.  
24 H. THIS SECTION MAY BE ENFORCED AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF MAY BE  
25 PURSUED BY EITHER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE  
26 COUNTY WHERE A VIOLATION OCCURS. IF A BUSINESS ENTITY OR STATE, COUNTY OR  
27 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY IN THIS STATE IS FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED ANY  
28 PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY,  
29 AS APPLICABLE, SHALL BE AWARDED ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS INCURRED IN  
30 PURSUING THE ENFORCEMENT ACTION.  
31 I. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:  
32 1. "BUSINESS ENTITY":  
33 (a) MEANS ANY PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS THAT PERFORMS OR ENGAGES  
34 IN ANY ACTIVITY, ENTERPRISE, PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION FOR GAIN, BENEFIT,  
35 ADVANTAGE OR LIVELIHOOD, WHETHER FOR PROFIT OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT IN THIS  
36 STATE.  
37 (b) INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:  
38 (i) ANY SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, DOMESTIC  
39 CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, LIMITED LIABILITY  
40 PARTNERSHIP, BUSINESS TRUST, FOREIGN CORPORATION, FOREIGN LIMITED  
41 PARTNERSHIP OR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO  
42 TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.  
43 (ii) ANY BUSINESS ENTITY THAT POSSESSES A BUSINESS LICENSE, PERMIT,  
44 CERTIFICATE, APPROVAL, REGISTRATION, CHARTER OR SIMILAR FORM OF  
45 AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY THIS STATE.

1 (iii) ANY BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS EXEMPT BY LAW FROM OBTAINING A  
2 BUSINESS LICENSE.  
3 (iv) ANY BUSINESS ENTITY OPERATING UNLAWFULLY IN THIS STATE WITHOUT  
4 A REQUIRED BUSINESS AUTHORIZATION.  
5 2. "FOREIGN JURISDICTION" MEANS ANY STATE, COMMONWEALTH, COUNTRY,  
6 OR NATION OUTSIDE THIS STATE.  
7 3. "MEDICAL INTERVENTION" MEANS A MEDICAL PROCEDURE, TREATMENT,  
8 DEVICE, DRUG, INJECTION, MEDICATION OR MEDICAL ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT OR  
9 CURE A DISEASE OR ALTER THE HEALTH OR BIOLOGICAL FUNCTION OF A PERSON.  
10 4. "SCHOOL":  
11 (a) MEANS ANY LEGAL ENTITY IN THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES INSTRUCTION  
12 TO STUDENTS IN PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS, KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS, ANY OF GRADES  
13 ONE THROUGH TWELVE, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, VOCATIONAL  
14 PROGRAMS OR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.  
15 (b) INCLUDES ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, PAROCHIAL SCHOOL OR  
16 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.  
17 (c) DOES NOT INCLUDE TRIBAL COLLEGES.  
18 5. "TICKET ISSUER":  
19 (a) MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY THAT PROVIDES TICKETS TO AN  
20 ENTERTAINMENT EVENT.  
21 (b) INCLUDES:  
22 (i) THE OPERATOR OF THE VENUE WHERE AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT OCCURS.  
23 (ii) THE SPONSOR OR PROMOTER OF AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT.  
24 (iii) A SPORTS TEAM THAT IS PARTICIPATING IN AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT  
25 OR A LEAGUE WHOSE TEAMS ARE PARTICIPATING IN AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT.  
26 (iv) A THEATER COMPANY, MUSICAL GROUP OR SIMILAR ENTITY THAT IS  
27 PARTICIPATING IN AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT.  
28 (v) AN AGENT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY DESCRIBED IN THIS  
29 PARAGRAPH.  
30 Sec. 2. Short title  
31 This section may be cited as the "Arizona Medical Freedom Act".