Arizona Enacts Law Preventing Mask Mandates on Government Property

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – A new state law authored by State Representative Neal Carter will prohibit government entities in Arizona from imposing a requirement to wear a mask or face covering on its premises. HB 2453, Representative Carter’s legislation behind the new law, received unanimous support from House and Senate Republicans. It was signed by Governor Ducey on May 20.

“Citizens should not be required to wear a mask to access government services,” said Representative Carter. “This law prevents policy setting by unelected bureaucrats which, in my own experience, led to the public being denied entry to some county buildings that continued to impose mask requirements long after such mandates had been widely dispensed with or prohibited around the state.”

Exemptions are included where long-standing workplace safety and infection control measures that are unrelated to COVID-19 may be required, and for special healthcare districts.

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