

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 158

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONSTON, AMEDEE, HODGES, AND MCCORMICK

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LIABILITY/CIVIL: Provides for a limitation of liability relative to the administration of pandemic disease vaccinations

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 9:2800.30, relative to civil liability; to provide a limitation of liability for
3 refusal to mandate vaccinations for COVID-19 or other pandemic diseases; to
4 provide relative to business and professional licenses; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 9:2800.30 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2800.30. Pandemic disease vaccination mandates; limitation of liability; protection
9 of business permits and professional licenses

10 A. No natural or juridical person shall be liable for any civil damages, and
11 no cause of action may be maintained against a natural or juridical person who, in
12 the course of, through the performance of, or by a provision of the person's business
13 operations, refuses to mandate a vaccination or immunization against COVID-19 or
14 any other pandemic disease for any employee or customer.

15 B. The state, a state agency, or a political subdivision of the state shall not
16 refuse to permit, renew, or withhold a business license or professional license solely
17 on the basis that the business has refused to mandate a vaccination or immunization
18 against COVID-19 or any other pandemic disease for any employee or customer.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 158 Original

2023 Regular Session

Edmonston

Abstract: Limits civil liability for refusal to mandate vaccinations for COVID-19 or other pandemic diseases and prohibits the denial of business permits and professional licenses for failure to mandate such vaccines.

Proposed law provides that no natural or juridical person shall be liable for any civil damages and no cause of action may be maintained against a natural or juridical person who in the course of, through the performance of, or by a provision of the business operations, refuses to mandate vaccinations for COVID-19 or other pandemic diseases for any employee or customer.

Proposed law provides that the state, a state agency, or a political subdivision shall not refuse to permit, renew, or withhold a business license or professional license solely on the basis of the business refusing to mandate vaccinations for COVID-19 or other pandemic diseases.

(Adds R.S. 9:2800.30)