

SENATE BILL NO. 156

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATORS REINBOLD, Costello, Hughes

Introduced: 1/18/22

Referred: State Affairs, Health and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to COVID-19 immunization rights; and relating to objection to the
2 administration of a COVID-19 vaccine."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 18.09 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 **Article 2A. COVID-19 Immunization Rights; Discrimination.**

6 **Sec. 18.09.250. Exercise of rights and access to benefits.** A state agency or
7 political subdivision of the state may not adopt or issue a regulation, ordinance, order,
8 or similar policy that requires an individual to be vaccinated against COVID-19 in
9 order for the individual to exercise a right or receive a benefit that is available to the
10 public.

11 **Sec. 18.09.260. Personal vaccine history.** A state agency, an employee of the
12 state, or an agent of the state may not require an individual to produce documentation
13 of the individual's COVID-19 vaccination status or a COVID-19 immunity passport in
14 order to travel to, or within, the state.

1 **Sec. 18.09.270. Discrimination based on vaccination status.** (a) Except as
2 provided in (b) of this section, it is unlawful discrimination for

3 (1) a person or a governmental entity to refuse, withhold from, or deny
4 to an individual any local or state services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges,
5 licensing, educational opportunities, health care access, or employment opportunities
6 based on the individual's COVID-19 vaccination status or whether the individual has a
7 COVID-19 immunity passport;

8 (2) an employer to refuse employment to an individual, to bar an
9 individual from employment, or to discriminate against an individual in compensation
10 or in a term, condition, or privilege of employment based on the individual's
11 COVID-19 vaccination status or whether the individual has a COVID-19 immunity
12 passport; or

13 (3) a public accommodation to exclude, limit, segregate, refuse to
14 serve, or otherwise discriminate against an individual based on the individual's
15 COVID-19 vaccination status or whether the individual has a COVID-19 immunity
16 passport.

17 (b) A recommendation by a person, governmental entity, or employer that an
18 employee receive a COVID-19 vaccine is not unlawful discrimination under this
19 section.

20 **Sec. 18.09.280. Objection to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine.**
21 An individual may object to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine to that
22 individual based on religious, medical, or other grounds. A parent or guardian of a
23 minor child may object to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine to the minor
24 child based on religious, medical, or other grounds. A person may not require an
25 individual to provide justification or documentation to support the individual's
26 decision to decline a COVID-19 vaccine or to decline a COVID-19 vaccine for a
27 minor child.

28 **Sec. 18.09.290. Definition.** In AS 18.09.250 - 18.09.290, "COVID-19" means
29 the novel coronavirus disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome
30 coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).