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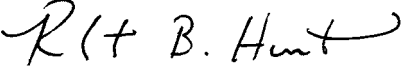
No. 172

H.P. 113

House of Representatives, January 13, 2023

**An Act to Allow Health Care Workers to Return to Work by
Reinstating Exemptions from Immunization Requirements**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, CARLOW of Buxton, DANA of the Passamaquoddy
Tribe, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, PAUL of Winterport, THERIAULT of Fort Kent,
Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, MOORE of Washington.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §802, sub-§4-B, ¶B**, as repealed by PL 2019, c. 154, §9, is
3 reenacted to read:

4 B. A religious or philosophical exemption is available to an employee who states in
5 writing a sincere religious or philosophical belief that is contrary to the immunization
6 requirement of this subchapter.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill reinstates the religious and philosophical exemptions from immunization
9 requirements for health care workers.