

HOUSE BILL NO. 1575

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WIEMANN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to natural immunity, with penalty provisions and an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 191.718, to read as follows:

191.718. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Natural immunity", immunity acquired from exposure to a virus through infection with the actual virus;

(2) "Political subdivision", any municipality, school district, special district, local governmental body, county, city, town, or village;

(3) "Public entity":

(a) Any agency or instrumentality of the state government; or

(b) Any political subdivision or agency or instrumentality thereof;

(4) "Vaccination policy", any policy that considers whether an individual has vaccine-induced immunity to determine the individual's:

(a) Access to any services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing, educational opportunities, or employment opportunities; or

(b) Treatment or status with respect to any benefits, services, or opportunities;

(5) "Vaccine-induced immunity", immunity acquired through vaccination against a virus.

2. All public entities and private entities shall consider natural immunity equivalent to vaccine-induced immunity for the purpose of implementing any

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **vaccination policy. A statement from a licensed physician indicating that an individual**
19 **has documentation of a viral disease or laboratory evidence of immunity to a viral**
20 **disease shall be sufficient to demonstrate the individual has natural immunity to that**
21 **viral disease.**

22 **3. A violation of this section shall be a class A misdemeanor.**

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure that individuals with
2 natural immunity have access to the benefits available to individuals with vaccine-induced
3 immunity, the enactment of section 191.718 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for
4 the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby
5 declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of
6 section 191.718 of section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and
7 approval.

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