

HB 1210 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL **1210**

AN ACT relative to exemptions from vaccine mandates.

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COMMITTEE: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires public employers, private employers, and postsecondary education institutions that receive public funds and mandate a vaccination or other inoculation procedure to accept an employee's or student's request for a medical, religious, or right of conscience exemption.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT relative to exemptions from vaccine mandates.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Legislative Findings. The general court finds that:

2 I. It is the longstanding public policy of New Hampshire to protect the rights of its citizens
3 to live free; and

4 II. The state of New Hampshire has affirmed in statute the natural, essential, and inherent
5 right to individual bodily integrity. Therefore, citizens shall have the right to choose what, if any,
6 substances are injected into their bodies, including without limitation, any mandated vaccine.

7 2 New Subdivision; Labor; Protective Legislation; Exemption from Vaccination Mandates.
8 Amend RSA 275 by inserting after section 77 the following new subdivision:

9 Exemption from Vaccination Mandates

10 275:78 Exemption from Vaccination Mandates; Public and Private Employers.

11 I. Any public or private employer that receives public funds from the federal or state
12 government or any subdivision thereof, whether such funds are in the form of payment for
13 contractual services, grants, or in any other form however denominated, and irrespective of the
14 amount or level of such funding, and mandates any vaccine, inoculation, or immunization procedure,
15 shall offer an employee the opportunity to submit a request for a medical, religious, or right of
16 conscience exemption.

17 II. An employee's written request for exemption shall simply state: "I, (employee name),
18 hereby submit a request for a medical, religious, or right of conscience exemption from the mandated
19 vaccination or inoculation. [employee signature and date]". Such request for exemption shall be
20 granted. The employer may then work with the employee to see if an agreement for a reasonable
21 accommodation can be reached.

22 III. If any provision of this section or its application to any person or circumstances is held
23 invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this section that can be
24 given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section
25 are severable.

26 3 New Chapter; Exemptions from Vaccination Mandates in
27 Postsecondary Educational Institutions. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 200-N the following
28 new chapter:

29 CHAPTER 200-O

30 EXEMPTIONS FROM VACCINATION MANDATES IN
31 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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1 200-O:1 Exemptions from Vaccination Mandates; Postsecondary Educational Institutions.

2 I. Any postsecondary educational institution that receives public funds from the federal or
3 state government or any subdivision thereof, whether such funds are in the form of payment for
4 contractual services, grants, or in any other form however denominated, and irrespective of the
5 amount or level of such funding, and mandates any vaccine, inoculation, or immunization procedure,
6 shall offer each student the opportunity to submit a request for a medical, religious, or right of
7 conscience exemption.

8 II. A student's written request for exemption shall simply state: "I, (student name), hereby
9 submit a request for a medical, religious, or right of conscience exemption from the mandated
10 vaccination or inoculation. [student signature and date]". Such request for exemption shall be
11 granted. The school may then work with the student to see if an agreement for a reasonable
12 accommodation can be reached.

13 200-O:2 Severability. If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or
14 circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this
15 chapter that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
16 provisions of this chapter are severable.

17 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.