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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## HOUSE BILL NO. 413

## BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1	AN ACT
2	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 44, IDAHO CODE,
3	BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 44-906, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT AN
4	EMPLOYER SHALL NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL VACCINATIONS AS A CONDITION OF
5	CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS;
6	AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 9, Title 44, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 44-906, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 44-906. EMPLOYEE VACCINATION -- LIMITATIONS. (1) An employer may require that an employee receive certain vaccinations, as well as subsequent booster shots of such vaccinations, as a condition of hiring. An employer must provide written notice of each required vaccination on or before an employee's date of hire. An employer shall not, after an employee's date of hire, require an employee to receive additional vaccinations as a condition of continued employment. An employee hired before the effective date of this section shall not be required to receive any vaccination that the employer did not require as a condition of hiring.
- (2) An employer shall not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against an employee because such employee refuses to receive an additional vaccination, excluding a booster shot as provided for in subsection (1) of this section, as a condition of continued employment.
- (3) An employer shall not require an employee to waive the rights established by the provisions of this section as a condition of hiring or continued employment.
  - (4) A violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor.
- (5) Nothing in this section shall affect conflicting provisions of bona fide employment contracts entered into prior to the effective date of this section.
- (6) This section shall not apply to an employer who employs an in-home care employee in a private residence.
- SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.