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2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 103

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BY REPRESENTATIVES MCCORMICK, AMEDEE, AND HODGES

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

LIABILITY/CIVIL: Provides for liability relative to the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations

AN ACT

2	To enact R.S. 9:2800.28, relative to civil liability; to provide for refusal to mandate COVID-
3	19 vaccination; to provide relative to business and professional licenses; and to
4	provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 9:2800.28 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§2800.28. COVID-19 vaccination mandates; limitation of liability; protection of
8	business permits and professional licenses
9	A. No natural or juridical person shall be liable for any civil damages, and
10	no cause of action may be maintained against a natural or juridical person who, in
11	the course of, through the performance of, or by a provision of the person's business
12	operations, refuses to mandate a COVID-19 vaccination or immunization for any
13	employee or customer.
14	B. The state, a state agency, or a political subdivision of the state shall not
15	refuse to permit, renew, or withhold a business license or professional license solely
16	on the basis that the business has refused to mandate a COVID-19 vaccination or
17	immunization for any employee or customer.

## **DIGEST**

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**McCormick** 

**Abstract:** Prohibits civil liability for refusal to mandate a COVID-19 vaccination and protects business permits and professional licenses from refusal for failure to refuse to mandate a COVID-19 vaccination.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no natural or juridical person shall be liable for any civil damages and no cause of action may be maintained against a natural or juridical person who in the course of, through the performance of, or by a provision of their business operations, refuses to mandate a COVID-19 vaccination for any employee or customer.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the state, a state agency, or political subdivision thereof, shall not refuse to permit, renew, or withhold a business license or professional license solely on the basis of the business refusing to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations.

(Adds R.S. 9:2800.28)

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Replace provisions of <u>proposed law</u> providing for civil liability with a limitation of liability for a natural or juridical person's refusal to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for employees and customers and add protection of business permits and professional licenses for businesses refusing to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.