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AN ACT

To repeal sections 167.181, 302.181, and 338.010, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof ten new sections relating to immunizations, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Sections 167.181, 302.181, and 338.010, RSMo, are repealed and ten new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 167.181, 191.716, 192.026, 192.073,

- 3 213.069, 292.644, 302.181, 324.1700, 338.010, and 376.456, to read as follows:
- 167.181. 1. The department of health and senior services, after consultation with the
- 2 department of elementary and secondary education, shall promulgate rules and regulations
- 3 governing the immunization against poliomyelitis, rubella, rubeola, mumps, tetanus,
- 4 pertussis, diphtheria, and hepatitis B, to be required of children attending public, private,
- 5 parochial or parish schools. Such rules and regulations may modify the immunizations that
- 6 are required of children in this subsection. The immunizations required and the manner and
- 7 frequency of their administration shall conform to recognized standards of medical practice.
- The department of health and senior services shall supervise and secure the enforcement of the required immunization program.
- 2. It is unlawful for any student to attend school unless he **or she** has been immunized
- 11 as required under the rules and regulations of the department of health and senior services,
- 12 and can provide satisfactory evidence of such immunization; except that if he or she produces
- 13 satisfactory evidence of having begun the process of immunization, he or she may continue
- 14 to attend school as long as the immunization process is being accomplished in the prescribed
- 15 manner. It is unlawful for any parent or guardian to refuse or neglect to have his **or her** child
- 16 immunized as required by this section, unless the child is properly exempted.

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.

3. This section shall not apply to any child if one parent or guardian objects in writing to his or her school administrator against the immunization of the child, because of religious beliefs or medical contraindications. If the required immunizations in subsection 1 of this section are modified to include immunization against COVID-19, immunization against COVID-19 shall not be required for a child if one parent or guardian of the child objects in writing to his or her school administrator against such immunization because of religious or conscientious beliefs or medical contraindications. In cases where any such objection is for reasons of medical contraindications, a statement from a duly licensed physician must also be provided to the school administrator.

- 4. Each school superintendent, whether of a public, private, parochial or parish school, shall cause to be prepared a record showing the immunization status of every child enrolled in or attending a school under his **or her** jurisdiction. The name of any parent or guardian who neglects or refuses to permit a nonexempted child to be immunized against diseases as required by the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be reported by the school superintendent to the department of health and senior services.
- 5. The immunization required may be done by any duly licensed physician or by someone under his **or her** direction. If the parent or guardian is unable to pay, the child shall be immunized at public expense by a physician or nurse at or from the county, district, city public health center or a school nurse or by a nurse or physician in the private office or clinic of the child's personal physician with the costs of immunization paid through the state Medicaid program, private insurance or in a manner to be determined by the department of health and senior services subject to state and federal appropriations, and after consultation with the school superintendent and the advisory committee established in section 192.630. When a child receives his or her immunization, the treating physician may also administer the appropriate fluoride treatment to the child's teeth.
- 6. Funds for the administration of this section and for the purchase of vaccines for children of families unable to afford them shall be appropriated to the department of health and senior services from general revenue or from federal funds if available.
- 7. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule

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are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2001, shall be invalid and void.

- 191.716. 1. For purposes of this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms mean:
- 3 (1) "Assisted living facility", the same meaning given to the term in section 4 198.006;
- 5 (2) "Health care facility", any residential care facility, intermediate care facility, 6 or skilled nursing facility, as those terms are defined in section 198.006;
- 7 (3) "Health care professional", the same meaning given to the term in section 8 376.1350;
 - (4) "Hospital", the same meaning given to the term in section 197.020;
- 10 (5) "Patient", a person who has received or is receiving professional health care services from a health care facility, health care professional, or hospital;
- 12 (6) "Resident", a resident of a health care facility;
- 13 (7) "Tenant", a tenant of an assisted living facility.
- 2. A hospital or health care facility shall not:
- 15 (1) Require a health care professional, staff member, employee, or applicant for one of these positions to be immunized against COVID-19; or
 - (2) Discriminate against or terminate the employment of a health care professional, staff member, employee, or applicant for one of these positions based on the person's refusal to receive an immunization against COVID-19.
 - 3. A hospital, a health care facility, or a health care professional, staff member, or employee of a hospital or health care facility shall not discriminate against or terminate treatment of a patient based upon the patient's refusal to receive an immunization against COVID-19.
 - 4. A health care facility or assisted living facility shall not discriminate against or terminate treatment of a resident or tenant solely on the basis of the resident or tenant not having received, or refusing to receive, an immunization against COVID-19.
 - 5. A hospital, health care facility, or educational institution providing clinical experience to satisfy the professional degree requirements of a student, intern, or resident shall not discriminate against the student, intern, or resident or prohibit admission, enrollment, or employment as a student, intern, or resident based on the COVID-19 immunization status of the student, intern, or resident.
- 6. A person aggrieved under this section may petition the circuit court in the county where the hospital, health care facility, assisted living facility, or educational institution is located for any of the following:
 - (1) Injunctive relief against any further violation;

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- 36 (2) Affirmative relief, including reinstatement of employment with back pay and interest, or any other equitable relief the court deems appropriate; or 37
 - (3) Other appropriate relief necessary to ensure compliance with this section.
- 39 A hospital, health care facility, health care professional, educational institution, or assisted living facility that violates this section is not eligible to receive 40 state funding for reimbursement of services provided to patients, residents, or tenants. 41

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

- 2 "COVID-19 vaccination status", an individual's status with regard to 3 whether the individual has received a vaccination against COVID-19;
 - (2) "Government entity":
 - (a) Any agency or instrumentality of the state government; or
 - (b) Any political subdivision or agency or instrumentality thereof;
 - (3) "Political subdivision", any municipality, school district, special district, local governmental body, county, city, town, or village;
- (4) "Vaccine passport", any standardized documentation of vaccination against COVID-19. 10
- 2. No government entity shall issue vaccine passports for the purpose of 12 certifying an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status to a third party or to otherwise publish or share any individual's COVID-19 vaccination record or similar health 13 information without the individual's consent.
- 192.073. 1. The department of health and senior services shall require that a health care professional who administers vaccines and immunizations and is required to 3 consult and review or enter the administration of vaccines or immunizations into the 4 ShowMeVax system obtain written informed consent from a patient or, if the patient is a 5 minor, the patient's parent or legal guardian before entering the administration of a 6 COVID-19 vaccine into the ShowMeVax system. The written informed consent shall also provide the patient with the option of consenting to the sharing of the patient's information with any entity with access to the information contained in the ShowMeVax 9 system. The health care professional shall submit a copy of the completed written informed consent form to the ShowMeVax system. 10
 - 2. A patient or, if the patient is a minor, the patient's parent or legal guardian may withdraw or amend the written informed consent at any time. If informed consent is subsequently withdrawn, the patient's information shall be deleted from the ShowMeVax system.
- 15 3. No information, report, or record relating to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine to a person from whom written informed consent has not been obtained shall

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be maintained by the department of health and senior services or included in the 17 18 ShowMeVax system.

213.069. It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice for any owner, lessee, sublessee, proprietor, manager, or superintendent of any place of public accommodation 3 or any agent or employee thereof to do any of the following on the basis of a person's status with regard to whether the person has been vaccinated against COVID-19:

- (1) Provide any disposition, service, financial aid, or benefit to the person that is different, or provided in a different manner, from that provided to other members of the general public;
- (2) Subject the person to segregation or separate treatment in any matter related to that person's receipt of any disposition, service, financial aid, or benefit provided to other members of the general public;
- (3) Restrict the person in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by other persons receiving any disposition, service, financial aid, or benefit provided to other members of the general public;
- (4) Treat the person differently from other persons in determining whether that person satisfies any admission, enrollment, quota, eligibility, membership, or other requirement or condition that a person is required to meet in order to be provided any disposition, service, financial aid, function, or benefit available to other members of the general public; or
- (5) Deny the person an opportunity to participate in a program through the provision of service or otherwise afford that person an opportunity to do so that is different from that afforded to other members of the general public.
- 292.644. 1. For purposes of this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms mean:
- 3 (1) "Employee", a natural person who is employed in this state for wages by an employer; 4
 - "Employer", an individual, corporation, limited liability company, **(2)** government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity that in this state employs natural persons for wages.
- 2. An employer shall not fail or refuse to hire, discharge, penalize, or otherwise 10 discriminate against an employee with respect to compensation or the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment based on:
 - (1) The employee's vaccination history with respect to COVID-19 vaccines; or
- 13 (2) The refusal of the employee to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or provide proof of immunity against COVID-19.

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3. An employee whose rights are violated under this section may bring a civil action against an employer in the circuit court in the county where the employer is located for injunctive relief, actual damages, admission or reinstatement of the employee with back pay, plus ten percent interest, or any other appropriate relief necessary to ensure compliance with this section.

302.181. 1. The license issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 302.010 to 302.340 shall be in such form as the director shall prescribe, but the license shall be a card made of plastic or other comparable material. All licenses shall be manufactured of materials and processes that will prohibit, as nearly as possible, the ability to reproduce, alter, counterfeit, forge, or duplicate any license without ready detection. The license shall also 5 bear the expiration date of the license, the classification of the license, the name, date of birth, residence address including the county of residence or a code number corresponding to such county established by the department, and brief description and colored digitized image of the licensee, and a facsimile of the signature of the licensee. The license shall not include the COVID-19 immunization status, COVID-19 immunity status, or COVID-19 test results 10 11 of the holder of the license. The director shall provide by administrative rule the procedure and format for a licensee to indicate on the back of the license together with the designation 12 13 for an anatomical gift as provided in section 194.240 the name and address of the person designated pursuant to sections 404.800 to 404.865 as the licensee's attorney in fact for the 14 15 purposes of a durable power of attorney for health care decisions. No license shall be valid until it has been so signed by the licensee. If any portion of the license is prepared by a 17 private firm, any contract with such firm shall be made in accordance with the competitive purchasing procedures as established by the state director of the division of purchasing. 18

- 2. All digital images produced for licenses shall become the property of the department of revenue.
- 3. The license issued shall be carried at all times by the holder thereof while driving a motor vehicle, and shall be displayed upon demand of any officer of the highway patrol, or any police officer or peace officer, or any other duly authorized person, for inspection when demand is made therefor. Failure of any operator of a motor vehicle to exhibit his or her license to any duly authorized officer shall be presumptive evidence that such person is not a duly licensed operator.
- 4. The director of revenue shall not issue a license without a facial digital image of the license applicant, except as provided pursuant to subsection 7 of this section. A digital image of the applicant's full facial features shall be taken in a manner prescribed by the director. No digital image shall be taken wearing anything which cloaks the facial features of the individual.

5. The department of revenue may issue a temporary license or a full license without the photograph or with the last photograph or digital image in the department's records to members of the Armed Forces, except that where such temporary license is issued it shall be valid only until the applicant shall have had time to appear and have his or her picture taken and a license with his or her photograph issued.

- 6. The department of revenue shall issue upon request a nondriver's license card containing essentially the same information and photograph or digital image, except as provided pursuant to subsection 7 of this section, as the driver's license upon payment of six dollars. An applicant for a nondriver's license card shall not be required to undergo or prove receipt of a vaccination against COVID-19 in order to be issued the card, and the card shall not include the COVID-19 immunization status, COVID-19 immunity status, or COVID-19 test results of the holder of the card. All nondriver's licenses shall expire on the applicant's birthday in the sixth year after issuance. A person who has passed his or her seventieth birthday shall upon application be issued a nonexpiring nondriver's license card. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a nondriver's license containing a concealed carry endorsement shall expire three years from the date the certificate of qualification was issued pursuant to section 571.101, as section 571.101 existed prior to August 28, 2013. The fee for nondriver's licenses issued for a period exceeding three years is six dollars or three dollars for nondriver's licenses issued for a period of three years or less. The nondriver's license card shall be used for identification purposes only and shall not be valid as a license.
- 7. If otherwise eligible, an applicant may receive a driver's license or nondriver's license without a photograph or digital image of the applicant's full facial features except that such applicant's photograph or digital image shall be taken and maintained by the director and not printed on such license. In order to qualify for a license without a photograph or digital image pursuant to this section the applicant must:
- (1) Present a form provided by the department of revenue requesting the applicant's photograph be omitted from the license or nondriver's license due to religious affiliations. The form shall be signed by the applicant and another member of the religious tenant verifying the photograph or digital image exemption on the license or nondriver's license is required as part of their religious affiliation. The required signatures on the prescribed form shall be properly notarized;
- (2) Provide satisfactory proof to the director that the applicant has been a United States citizen for at least five years and a resident of this state for at least one year, except that an applicant moving to this state possessing a valid driver's license from another state without a photograph shall be exempt from the one-year state residency requirement. The director

68 may establish rules necessary to determine satisfactory proof of citizenship and residency 69 pursuant to this section;

- (3) Applications for a driver's license or nondriver's license without a photograph or digital image must be made in person at a license office determined by the director. The director is authorized to limit the number of offices that may issue a driver's or nondriver's license without a photograph or digital image pursuant to this section.
- 8. The department of revenue shall make available, at one or more locations within the state, an opportunity for individuals to have their full facial photograph taken by an employee of the department of revenue, or their designee, who is of the same sex as the individual being photographed, in a segregated location.
- 9. Beginning July 1, 2005, the director shall not issue a driver's license or a nondriver's license for a period that exceeds an applicant's lawful presence in the United States. The director may, by rule or regulation, establish procedures to verify the lawful presence of the applicant and establish the duration of any driver's license or nondriver's license issued under this section.
- 10. (1) Notwithstanding any biometric data restrictions contained in section 302.170, the department of revenue is hereby authorized to design and implement a secure digital driver's license program that allows applicants applying for a driver's license in accordance with this chapter to obtain a secure digital driver's license in addition to the physical card-based license specified in this section.
- (2) A digital driver's license as described in this subsection shall be accepted for all purposes for which a license, as defined in section 302.010, is used.
- (3) The department may contract with one or more entities to develop the secure digital driver's license system. The department or entity may develop a mobile software application capable of being utilized through a person's electronic device to access the person's secure digital driver's license.
- (4) The department shall suspend, disable, or terminate a person's participation in the secure digital driver's license program if:
- (a) The person's driving privilege is suspended, revoked, denied, withdrawn, or cancelled as provided in this chapter; or
- (b) The person reports that the person's electronic device has been lost, stolen, or compromised.
- 11. The director of the department of revenue may promulgate rules as necessary for the implementation of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the

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powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2020, shall be invalid and void.

324.1700. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "Health care professional", the same meaning given to the term in section 3 376.1350;
 - (2) "Licensing authority", an agency, examining board, credentialing board, or other office of the state with the authority to impose occupational fees or licensing requirements on any health care profession.
 - 2. The licensing authority for a health care professional shall not deny an applicant for a license; suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license; or take disciplinary action against a licensee based on the applicant's or licensee's immunization history with respect to COVID-19 vaccines or refusal to submit to an immunization against COVID-19.

338.010. 1. The "practice of pharmacy" means the interpretation, implementation, and evaluation of medical prescription orders, including any legend drugs under 21 U.S.C. Section 353; receipt, transmission, or handling of such orders or facilitating the dispensing of such orders; the designing, initiating, implementing, and monitoring of a medication therapeutic plan as defined by the prescription order so long as the prescription order is specific to each patient for care by a pharmacist; the compounding, dispensing, labeling, and administration of drugs and devices pursuant to medical prescription orders and administration of viral influenza, pneumonia, shingles, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, and meningitis vaccines by written protocol authorized by a physician for persons at least seven years of age or the age recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, whichever is higher, or the administration of pneumonia, shingles, 11 hepatitis A, hepatitis B, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, meningitis, and viral influenza vaccines by written protocol authorized by a physician for a specific patient as authorized by rule; the 14 participation in drug selection according to state law and participation in drug utilization reviews; the proper and safe storage of drugs and devices and the maintenance of proper records thereof; consultation with patients and other health care practitioners, and veterinarians and their clients about legend drugs, about the safe and effective use of drugs and devices; the prescribing and dispensing of any nicotine replacement therapy product 18 19 under section 338.665; the dispensing of HIV postexposure prophylaxis pursuant to section 338.730; and the offering or performing of those acts, services, operations, or transactions 21 necessary in the conduct, operation, management and control of a pharmacy. No person shall 22 engage in the practice of pharmacy unless he or she is licensed under the provisions of this

chapter. This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit the use of auxiliary personnel under

- the direct supervision of a pharmacist from assisting the pharmacist in any of his or her duties.
- 25 This assistance in no way is intended to relieve the pharmacist from his or her responsibilities
- 26 for compliance with this chapter and he or she will be responsible for the actions of the
- 27 auxiliary personnel acting in his or her assistance. This chapter shall also not be construed to
- 28 prohibit or interfere with any legally registered practitioner of medicine, dentistry, or podiatry,
- 29 or veterinary medicine only for use in animals, or the practice of optometry in accordance
- 30 with and as provided in sections 195.070 and 336.220 in the compounding, administering,
- 31 prescribing, or dispensing of his or her own prescriptions.

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- 2. Any pharmacist who accepts a prescription order for a medication therapeutic plan shall have a written protocol from the physician who refers the patient for medication therapy services. The written protocol and the prescription order for a medication therapeutic plan shall come from the physician only, and shall not come from a nurse engaged in a collaborative practice arrangement under section 334.104, or from a physician assistant engaged in a collaborative practice arrangement under section 334.735.
- 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as to prevent any person, firm or corporation from owning a pharmacy regulated by sections 338.210 to 338.315, provided that a licensed pharmacist is in charge of such pharmacy.
- 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to or interfere with the sale of nonprescription drugs and the ordinary household remedies and such drugs or medicines as are normally sold by those engaged in the sale of general merchandise.
- 5. No health carrier as defined in chapter 376 shall require any physician with which they contract to enter into a written protocol with a pharmacist for medication therapeutic services.
- 6. This section shall not be construed to allow a pharmacist to diagnose or independently prescribe pharmaceuticals.
- 7. The state board of registration for the healing arts, under section 334.125, and the state board of pharmacy, under section 338.140, shall jointly promulgate rules regulating the use of protocols for prescription orders for medication therapy services and administration of viral influenza vaccines. Such rules shall require protocols to include provisions allowing for timely communication between the pharmacist and the referring physician, and any other patient protection provisions deemed appropriate by both boards. In order to take effect, such rules shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of each board. Neither board shall separately promulgate rules regulating the use of protocols for prescription orders for medication therapy services and administration of viral influenza vaccines. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of

the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.

- 8. The state board of pharmacy may grant a certificate of medication therapeutic plan authority to a licensed pharmacist who submits proof of successful completion of a board-approved course of academic clinical study beyond a bachelor of science in pharmacy, including but not limited to clinical assessment skills, from a nationally accredited college or university, or a certification of equivalence issued by a nationally recognized professional organization and approved by the board of pharmacy.
- 9. Any pharmacist who has received a certificate of medication therapeutic plan authority may engage in the designing, initiating, implementing, and monitoring of a medication therapeutic plan as defined by a prescription order from a physician that is specific to each patient for care by a pharmacist.
- 10. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow a pharmacist to make a therapeutic substitution of a pharmaceutical prescribed by a physician unless authorized by the written protocol or the physician's prescription order.
- 11. "Veterinarian", "doctor of veterinary medicine", "practitioner of veterinary medicine", "DVM", "VMD", "BVSe", "BVMS", "BSe (Vet Science)", "VMB", "MRCVS", or an equivalent title means a person who has received a doctor's degree in veterinary medicine from an accredited school of veterinary medicine or holds an Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (EDFVG) certificate issued by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).
- 12. In addition to other requirements established by the joint promulgation of rules by the board of pharmacy and the state board of registration for the healing arts:
- (1) A pharmacist shall administer vaccines by protocol in accordance with treatment guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC);
- (2) A pharmacist who is administering a vaccine shall request a patient to remain in the pharmacy a safe amount of time after administering the vaccine to observe any adverse reactions. Such pharmacist shall have adopted emergency treatment protocols;
- (3) In addition to other requirements by the board, a pharmacist shall receive additional training as required by the board and evidenced by receiving a certificate from the board upon completion, and shall display the certification in his or her pharmacy where vaccines are delivered.
- 13. A pharmacist shall inform the patient that the administration of the vaccine will be entered into the ShowMeVax system, as administered by the department of health and

97 senior services. The patient shall attest to the inclusion of such information in the system by

- 8 signing a form provided by the pharmacist. The administration of a COVID-19 vaccine
- 99 shall not be entered into the ShowMeVax system unless written informed consent is
- 100 **obtained under section 192.073.** If the patient indicates that he or she does not want such
- 101 information entered into the ShowMeVax system, the pharmacist shall provide a written
- 102 report within fourteen days of administration of a vaccine to the patient's health care provider,
- 103 if provided by the patient, containing:

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- 104 (1) The identity of the patient;
 - (2) The identity of the vaccine or vaccines administered;
- 106 (3) The route of administration;
- 107 (4) The anatomic site of the administration;
- 108 (5) The dose administered; and
- 109 (6) The date of administration.
 - 376.456. 1. For purposes of this section, the terms "group health insurance coverage", "group health plan", and "insurer" shall have the same meaning given to the terms in section 376.450, the term "health care professional" shall have the same meaning given to the term in section 376.1350, and the term "COVID-19 vaccination status" shall have the same meaning given to the term in section 192.026.
 - 2. An insurer offering group health insurance coverage shall not use the COVID-19 vaccination status of a person as a basis to reject; deny; limit; cancel; refuse to renew; increase the premium for; limit the amount, extent, or kind of coverage available; or otherwise adversely affect eligibility or coverage for the group health plan.
 - 3. An insurer offering group health insurance coverage shall not use the COVID-19 vaccination status of a person as a qualification or requirement for contracting with the person's health care professional or as a basis for terminating a contract with the person's health care professional.
 - 4. An insurer offering group health insurance coverage shall not do any of the following regarding the administration of COVID-19 vaccines to covered persons:
 - (1) Provide financial or other incentives to a participating health care professional based upon attaining a certain COVID-19 vaccine administration rate; or
 - 18 **(2)** Impose a financial or other penalty on a participating health care professional who does not attain a certain COVID-19 vaccine administration rate.
 - 5. The COVID-19 vaccination status of a person covered by a group health plan shall not be used as a factor in the rating of a group health plan in this state.

- 6. An insurer issuing group health insurance coverage who violates this section is
- 23 subject to the provisions of section 374.046.

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