

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1710

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHHEIT-COURTWAY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to certain experimental or investigational medical treatments.

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 191.723, to read as follows:

191.723. 1. It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice for any entity or person, directly or indirectly, to require any other person to receive a medication, vaccination, or injection, the use of which has not been fully authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration, is allowed under an emergency use authorization, or is undergoing safety trials, if the person objects on the basis of religious beliefs, moral convictions, or philosophical reasons.

2. It shall be unlawful for any entity or person to harass, intimidate, or administer any punitive action against a person who objects to a medication, vaccination, or injection described in subsection 1 of this section on the basis of religious beliefs, moral convictions, or philosophical reasons.

3. Any person who objects to a medication, vaccination, or injection described in subsection 1 of this section on the basis of religious beliefs, moral convictions, or philosophical reasons shall have all remedies available to them contained in this chapter or elsewhere granted by law. Upon any court judgment finding a person violated the provisions of this section, the person found to have violated the provisions of this section shall be responsible for any and all legal fees that the aggrieved party incurred in defense of this section.

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.