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S. 2999

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 19, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING COVID-19 VAC-**
2 **CINATION AS A CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY**
3 **FOR BENEFITS OR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE**
4 **MEDICARE, MEDICAID, OR CHIP PROGRAMS.**

5 Neither the Secretary of Health and Human Services
6 nor any officer or employee of the Department of Health
7 and Human Services (or, if applicable, the chief executive
8 officer of a State or any officer or employee of a State
9 or a State Medicaid or CHIP agency) shall establish or
10 enforce any requirement that an individual receive a
11 COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of the individual receiv-
12 ing benefits or assistance under any of the following pro-
13 grams:

14 (1) The Medicare program under title XVIII of
15 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

16 (2) The Medicaid program under title XIX of
17 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

18 (3) The Children's Health Insurance Program
19 under title XXI of the Social Security Act (42
20 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.).

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