
SENATE BILL 5144

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By Senators Ericksen, Fortunato, Short, Wagoner, and Wilson, J.

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1 AN ACT Relating to protecting the right of every Washington
2 resident to decline an immunization or vaccination for COVID-19; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 70.54 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) No state agency or political subdivision of the state may
8 enact or issue a rule, ordinance, order, or any similar policy that
9 would result in an individual being required to submit to vaccination
10 or immunization for COVID-19 despite his or her religious,
11 philosophical, or personal objections.

12 (2) No state agency or political subdivision of the state may
13 take any other action that would result in an individual being
14 required to submit to vaccination or immunization for COVID-19
15 despite his or her religious, philosophical, or personal objections
16 including, but not limited to, requiring vaccination or immunization
17 for COVID-19 as a condition of employment, access to education,
18 travel, entry to a public place, or contracting with a state agency
19 or political subdivision.

20 (3) No employer, school or university, transportation provider,
21 or any place of public resort, accommodation, assemblage, or

1 amusement may require, directly or indirectly, any person to submit
2 to vaccination or immunization for COVID-19.

3 (4) Any rule, ordinance, order, policy, or action enacted,
4 issued, or taken in violation of this section is null and void as
5 against the public policy of the state.

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