

117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 6263

To amend title 54, United States Code, and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to prohibit medical discrimination relating to applications for commercial use authorizations and special recreation permits, and to clarify the status of the holders of commercial use authorizations and special recreation permits, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 14, 2021

Mr. Diaz-Balart introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2	This A	Act may	be	cited	as	the	"Protecting	· Guides	and

- 3 Outfitters from Coronavirus Vaccine Mandates in the
- 4 Great Outdoors Act".
- 5 SEC. 2. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE COMMERCIAL USE AU-
- 6 THORIZATIONS.
- 7 Section 101925(b) of title 54, United States Code,
- 8 is amended by adding at the end the following:
- 9 "(3) Prohibition of Medical discrimina-
- 10 TION.—The Secretary shall not deny an application
- for a commercial use authorization under this sec-
- tion for any reason relating to the coronavirus vac-
- cination status of an applicant or an employee of an
- 14 applicant.
- 15 "(4) Status of holder of commercial use
- 16 AUTHORIZATION.—A holder of a commercial use au-
- thorization issued under this section shall not be
- considered to be an employee, contractor, or subcon-
- tractor of the Federal Government.".
- 20 SEC. 3. FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY PERMIT-
- 21 **TING.**
- Section 803(h) of the Federal Lands Recreation En-
- 23 hancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6802(h)) is amended—
- (1) by striking "The Secretary may" and in-
- 25 serting the following:
- 26 "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may"; and

- 1 (2) by adding at the end the following:
- "(2) Prohibition of Medical discriminamatrix.—The Secretary shall not deny an application for a special recreation permit under paragraph (1) for any reason relating to the coronavirus vaccination status of an applicant or an employee of an applicant.
 - "(3) STATUS OF HOLDER OF SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT.—A holder of a special recreation permit issued under paragraph (1) shall not be considered to be an employee, contractor, or subcontractor of the Federal Government.".

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