

## 117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2317

To provide that United States citizens may not be discriminated against based on their COVID-19 vaccination status, and for other purposes.

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2021

Mrs. Greene of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Education and Labor, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Foreign Affairs, 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,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "We Will Not Comply
- 5 Act".

#### SEC. 2. INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

- 2 No entity that is subject to title II of the Civil Rights
- 3 Act of 1964 may discriminate against any person because
- 4 such person has or has not received a COVID-19 vaccine.

#### 5 SEC. 3. FUNDING RIDERS.

- 6 (a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds may be used
- 7 to require any individual to receive a COVID-19 vaccine,
- 8 or to enforce any such requirement.
- 9 (b) No Conditions for Educational Institu-
- 10 Tions.—
- 11 (1) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds may be
- made available to any elementary school, secondary
- school, or institution of higher education if such
- school or institution requires an individual to receive
- a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition for attendance
- or participation in any academic or extra-curricular
- activity, including sports teams, athletic clubs, or
- any other voluntary organization.
- 19 (2) Definitions.—In this subsection:
- 20 (A) The terms "elementary school" and
- 21 "secondary school" have the meanings given
- those terms in section 8101 of the Elementary
- and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20)
- 24 U.S.C. 7801).
- 25 (B) The term "institution of higher edu-
- cation" has the meaning given that term in sec-

- 1 tion 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965
- 2 (20 U.S.C. 1002).
- 3 (c) Clarification.—No Federal funds may be used
- 4 to compel an individual who has a religious objection to
- 5 a vaccine or to vaccination to receive such vaccine or vac-
- 6 cination.

#### 7 SEC. 4. PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.

- 8 An individual who has been discriminated against on
- 9 the basis of the individual's COVID-19 vaccine status, or
- 10 the individual's failure to comply with a requirement to
- 11 wear a face covering, may bring an action in the appro-
- 12 priate United States district court seeking damages.
- 13 SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON VACCINE REQUIREMENTS TO OB-
- 14 TAIN GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS.
- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an indi-
- 16 vidual may not be required to have received a COVID-
- 17 19 vaccine as a condition for obtaining a United States
- 18 passport.

#### 19 SEC. 6. INTERSTATE TRAVEL UNDER THE PRIVILEGES AND

- 20 **IMMUNITIES CLAUSE.**
- 21 (a) In General.—The Secretary of Transportation,
- 22 acting through the Administrator of the Federal Aviation
- 23 Administration, shall prohibit air carriers and foreign air
- 24 carriers (as such terms are defined in section 40102(a)
- 25 of title 49, United States Code) from denying an indi-

- 1 vidual air transportation solely because such individual
- 2 has not been vaccinated against COVID-19.
- 3 (b) Rule of Construction.—This section does not
- 4 prohibit the United States Government from requiring
- 5 that aliens receive a COVID-19 vaccine before entering
- 6 the United States.

#### 7 SEC. 7. CIVIL RIGHTS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

- 8 (a) In General.—No public school or public college
- 9 (as such terms are defined in section 401 of the Civil
- 10 Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000c) may deny an indi-
- 11 vidual access to the school or college based on whether
- 12 the individual has received a vaccine, including a vaccine
- 13 for COVID-19.
- 14 (b) Enforcement by the Attorney General.—
- 15 The Attorney General may enforce this section in the same
- 16 manner as title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42
- 17 U.S.C. 2000c et seq.).
- 18 SEC. 8. SENSE OF CONGRESS.
- 19 It is the sense of Congress that Jacobson v. Massa-
- 20 chusetts (197 U.S. 11; 1905) should be overturned.

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