

HB1084
UNFAVORABLE
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I thank you for the work you do for the citizens of our state. I ask you to oppose this proposed bill in order to preserve our rights and those of future generations. This bill, if passed, can be a slippery slope to the degradation of our rights as Americans as protected by both our state and national constitutions.

While there are ideas in the bill that I do agree with, such as:
IDENTIFY EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS FOR TREATING COVID-19; (II) CONSIDER THE AT-HOME DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 TREATMENTS (Provided those treatments include off-label medications decided upon privately between an individual and a medical provider.) The bill is too vague and expansive to ensure the protection of freedom for all. The following is an example of territory putting individual freedom over one's body in danger:

(4) MEASURES TO INCREASE VACCINATION RATES AMONG THE UNVACCINATED; AND (5) A STRATEGY TO INCENTIVIZE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE: 31 (I) A THIRD COVID-19 VACCINE DOSE; AND HOUSE BILL 1084 1 (II) ANY FUTURE VACCINES RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

This sounds dangerously close to using coercive measures (Nuremberg Code violation) to make people take something merely because the CDC has recommended it. Even CDC Director Rochelle Walensky has openly admitted that errors were made in CDC decisions regarding the effectiveness and duration of protection of Covid-19 shots. As someone who has personal experiences with vaccine injury, people must be given the right over their own bodies to make decisions that are not risk free. People must be able to determine risk vs. reward, which changes with each individual.

Below is another part of the bill that puts individual freedoms at risk:
IN THIS SECTION, "MARYLAND MYIR MOBILE" MEANS THE STATE IMMUNIZATION RECORD SERVICE THAT PROVIDES AN INDIVIDUAL WITH: (1) ACCESS TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S OFFICIAL STATE IMMUNIZATION RECORDS; AND (2) THE ABILITY TO VOLUNTARILY AND SECURELY DISPLAY ON AND TRANSMIT THROUGH A MOBILE DEVICE PROOF OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S VACCINATION FOR COVID-19 USING A SMART HEALTH CARD QR CODE. HOUSE BILL 1084 (B) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT MARYLAND MYIR MOBILE HAS A DESIGN THAT: (1) ENABLES ITS VOLUNTARY USE AS A VACCINE

PASSPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO SEEK TO DISPLAY PROOF OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS ON A MOBILE DEVICE TO ACCESS VENUES WHERE PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY.

Vaccine passports will create clear segregation and violation of medical privacy and personal freedoms. Even a voluntary program will create this. It is a huge risk to personal freedom and can serve as a stepping stone for the implementation of even more overreach by the government. Our government was established "of the people, by the people, and for the people." The people need to make the decisions over their bodies...not the government.

WHY I OPPOSE THIS BILL:

1. One's medical information is one's own business and should not be used to discriminate and segregate citizens based on vaccine status. Vaccines are not safe for everyone and individuals need to have complete control over their medical decisions. I have several family members who have vaccine injuries and can no longer receive vaccines. It is discriminatory to segregate these individuals in various societal situations.
2. No business should be discriminating who can or cannot use their service based on COVID or other vaccination status especially vaccines that are still only Emergency Use Approved.
3. The CDC itself has said that the vaccinated can both get and spread COVID virus. Many unvaccinated people have natural immunity which is cross protective, enduring and a benefit to the public.
4. One's medical information should be protected information but we have seen repeatedly that "protected" information can be hacked.
5. Vaccine passports have been withdrawn across the globe. They are unnecessary and represent a violation of personal freedom, privacy and health choice.
6. Public funding would be used to develop and market an unnecessary program which lays the foundation for chilling government tracking, surveillance, divisiveness and control.
7. I oppose any vaccine passport as our medical information should be private and not used to divide and segregate the population into vaxxed and unvaxxed.
8. Vaccine passports have been withdrawn globally.
9. Pharmacies are not doctor's offices and pharmacists (and their assistants) are not doctors. They should not have the authority to ORDER and vaccinate our children even more so without parental or guardian informed consent.

10. This bill was originally intended to expire by the end of 2022 and it should expire. It was an emergency use bill intended for a pandemic which has passed. The authorizations given in the original bill should expire as intended.

11. The bill is a combination of all kinds of unrelated things, from listing the qualifications for certain practitioners, to rates for an urgent care center to tracking, testing and funding for a virus that no longer exists. Each of these things should be considered separately with thoughtful debate, not thrown together in a bill that is too far reaching.

Thank you for your consideration and the work you do to protect the rights of Marylanders.

Regards,
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