

HOUSE BILL 779

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By: **Delegates Arikan, Boteler, Cox, McComas, McKay, Morgan, Parrott, Reilly, Szeliga, and Wivell**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2022

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vaccination Requirements – Provision of Services – Statement of Prior Viral**
3 **Infection**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a public or private entity that requires a person to be
5 vaccinated against a virus in order to receive services from denying services to a
6 person who signs a certain statement about a prior viral infection; and generally
7 relating to vaccination requirements for the provision of services and statements of
8 prior viral infection.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 18–405
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **18–405.**

18 **(A) IF A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITY REQUIRES A PERSON TO BE**
19 **VACCINATED AGAINST A VIRUS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SERVICES, A PERSON WHO NO**
20 **LONGER HAS SYMPTOMS OF THE VIRUS FOR WHICH THE ENTITY IS REQUIRING A**
21 **VACCINATION MAY SIGN A STATEMENT ATTESTING THAT, TO THE BEST OF THE**
22 **PERSON’S KNOWLEDGE, THE PERSON WAS INFECTED WITH THE VIRUS AND NO**
23 **LONGER HAS SYMPTOMS OF THE VIRUS FOR WHICH THE ENTITY REQUIRES A**
24 **VACCINATION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITY MAY NOT DENY SERVICE TO A PERSON**
2 **WHO SIGNS A STATEMENT SIMILAR TO THE STATEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION**
3 **(A) OF THIS SECTION.**

4 **(C) A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITY MAY NOT REQUIRE ANY FORM OF PROOF**
5 **OF A PRIOR INFECTION OF A VIRUS.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2022.