### HOUSE BILL 819

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EMERGENCY BILL

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#### A BILL ENTITLED

#### 1 AN ACT concerning

#### 2 Public Health - COVID-19 and Other Influenza-Like Illnesses - Antibody Tests

# FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual to use proof of a positive antibody test to satisfy a vaccination requirement for COVID-19 or other influenza-like illnesses;

- 5 and generally relating to COVID–19.
- 6 BY adding to
- 7 Article Health General
- 8 Section 18–405
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

#### Preamble

12 WHEREAS, Individuals have the civil and human right to live and work without 13 undue restriction; and

WHEREAS, Medical authorities and institutions have established that antibodies created by the human body, including antibodies to COVID–19 and other influenza–like illnesses, are better, natural, more dependable, and equal to or more powerful than any industrially manufactured vaccine; now, therefore,

- 18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
   19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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Article – Health – General

21 **18–405.** 

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES WITH RESPECT TO COVID-19 AND OTHER 2 INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESSES.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY SHOW
PROOF OF A POSITIVE ANTIBODY TEST TO SATISFY ANY VACCINATION
REQUIREMENT, INCLUDING ANY VACCINATION REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED BY A
STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, AN EMPLOYER, AN EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTION, A MEDICAL FACILITY, A BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, A NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION, OR AN EVENT.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency 10 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has 11 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to 12 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is 13 enacted.