



*The Maryland House of Delegates*  
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**HOUSE BILL 779- Vaccination Requirements – Provision of Services –  
Statement of Prior Viral Infection**

Madam Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Pena-Melnyk, and members of the HGO committee,

I come before you today to present House Bill 779 and ask for you to give it a favorable report.

The purpose of this legislation is to prohibit a public or private entity that requires a person to be vaccinated against a virus in order to receive services from denying services to a person who signs a statement about a prior viral infection. If the person no longer has symptoms of the virus for which the entity is requiring a vaccine for and signs a statement attesting to prior infection they shall not be denied services and discriminated against.

Policies that require individuals to present papers to gain entry to public spaces is onerous and leads to discrimination of Marylanders. These policies not only require individuals to show papers, but to prove their identity by showing a state or federal ID. This occurred in DC under the previous passport law that was removed after the effects of it were found to unfairly target protected classes.