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HOUSE BILL No. 2535

By Representatives Fairchild, Murphy and Rhiley

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1	AN ACT concerning federal COVID-19 vaccine requirements; enacting
2	the individual liberty preservation act; nullifying certain federal
3	COVID-19 vaccine requirements; prohibiting enforcement of such
4	requirements and providing criminal penalties for violations.
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6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:
7	Section 1. (a) Sections 1 through 6, and amendments thereto, shall be
8	known may be cited as the individual liberty preservation act.
9	(b) As used in the individual liberty preservation act:
10	(1) "COVID-19 vaccine" means an immunization, vaccination or
11	injection against disease caused by the novel coronavirus identified as
12	SARS-CoV-2 or disease caused by a variant of the virus; and
13	(2) "federal COVID-19 vaccine requirement" means any act, law,
14	treaty, order, rule or regulation of the government of the United States that
15	is in effect and requires a:
16	(A) Person to receive a COVID-19 vaccine;
17	(B) person to provide documentation certifying receipt of a COVID-
18	19 vaccine;
19	(C) person to be tested for COVID-19; or
20	(D) business or any other entity to enforce a requirement described in
21	subparagraph (A), (B) or (C).
22	Sec. 2. The legislature declares that the authority for sections 1
23	through 6, and amendments thereto, is the following:
24	(a) The tenth amendment to the constitution of the United States
25	guarantees to the states and their people all powers not granted to the
26	federal government elsewhere in the constitution and reserves to the state
27	and people of Kansas certain powers as they were understood at the time
28	that Kansas was admitted to statehood in 1861. The guaranty of those
29	powers is a matter of contract between the state and people of Kansas and
30	the United States as of the time that the compact with the United States
31	was agreed upon and adopted by Kansas in 1859 and the United States in
32	1861.
33	(b) The ninth amendment to the constitution of the United States
34	guarantees to the people rights not granted in the constitution and reserves
35	to the people of Kansas certain rights as they were understood at the time

36 that Kansas was admitted to statehood in 1861. The guaranty of those

rights is a matter of contract between the state and people of Kansas and
 the United States as of the time that the compact with the United States
 was agreed upon and adopted by Kansas in 1859 and the United States in
 1861.

5 (c) The first amendment to the constitution of the United States 6 guarantees freedom of religion as that right was understood at the time that 7 Kansas was admitted to statehood in 1861. The guaranty of that right is a 8 matter of contract between the state and people of Kansas and the United 9 States as of the time that the compact with the United States was agreed upon and adopted by Kansas in 1859 and the United States in 1861. Many 10 people in Kansas have a religious objection to taking vaccines and federal 11 12 COVID-19 vaccine requirements violate the right of the people to practice 13 their religion freely.

14 (d) The fourth amendment to the constitution of the United States 15 guarantees the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, 16 papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures as that right 17 was understood at the time that Kansas was admitted to statehood in 1861. 18 The guaranty of that right is a matter of contract between the state and 19 people of Kansas and the United States as of the time that the compact 20 with the United States was agreed upon and adopted by Kansas in 1859 21 and the United States in 1861. Federal COVID-19 vaccine requirements 22 require personal medical information from the people in order to enforce 23 them, violating the right of the people to be free from unreasonable 24 searches and seizures.

25 Sec. 3. (a) Any federal COVID-19 vaccine requirement is null, void 26 and unenforceable in the state of Kansas.

27 (b) No official, agent or employee of the state of Kansas, or any 28 political subdivision thereof, shall enforce or attempt to enforce any federal COVID-19 vaccine requirement. Violation of this section is a 29 30 severity level 7, nonperson felony. An official, agent or employee of the 31 state of Kansas who is found guilty of violating this section shall 32 immediately have all compensation and all benefits terminated and shall 33 be liable for damages to those natural persons directly affected by such 34 official's, agent's or employee's enforcement or attempted enforcement of 35 any federal COVID-19 vaccine requirement.

Sec. 4. It is unlawful for any official, agent or employee of the government of the United States or employee of a corporation providing services to the government of the United States to enforce or attempt to enforce any federal COVID-19 vaccine requirement. Violation of this section is a severity level 7, nonperson felony.

Sec. 5. A county or district attorney, or the attorney general, may seek
injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin any
official, agent or employee of the government of the United States or

employee of a corporation providing services to the government of the
 United States from enforcing any federal COVID-19 vaccine requirement.

Sec. 6. If any provision of sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, or the application to any persons or circumstances is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, and to this end the provisions of sections 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, are declared to be severable.

9 Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 10 publication in the Kansas register.