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An Act to Temporarily Prohibit the State from Mandating COVID-19 Vaccinations

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative QUINT of Hodgdon.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representatives: BOYER of Poland, FOSTER of Dexter, GREENWOOD of Wales, GRIFFIN
of Levant, HAGGAN of Hampden, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, MASON of Lisbon,
SWALLOW of Houlton.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and Whereas, vaccines for COVID-19 may have additional complications; and 3 4 Whereas, this legislation must take effect immediately in order to provide a timely response to efforts related to COVID-19; and 5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 6 7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 8 9 therefore, 10 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §802, sub-§7 is enacted to read: 11 7. Five-year moratorium on mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations. Notwithstanding 12 any law to the contrary, mandatory vaccinations for coronavirus disease 2019, which is 13 also known as COVID-19, are prohibited for 5 years from the date of a vaccine's first 14 emergency use authorization by the United States Department of Health and Human 15 Services, Food and Drug Administration in order to allow for safety testing and 16 investigations into reproductive harm. 17 18 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation 19 takes effect when approved. **SUMMARY** 20 21 This bill prohibits mandatory vaccinations for COVID-19 for 5 years from the date of 22 a vaccine's first emergency use authorization by the United States Department of Health 23 and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration in order to allow for safety testing 24 and investigations into reproductive harm.