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H.B. No. 609

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the liability of a business owner or operator arising
3 from the exposure of an individual to a pandemic disease.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 148.003, Civil Practice and Remedies
6 Code, is amended by adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

7 (k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
8 business owner or operator that does not require employees or
9 contractors of the business to be vaccinated against a pandemic
10 disease is not liable for injury or death caused by the exposure of
11 an individual to the pandemic disease through an employee or
12 contractor of the business.

13 SECTION 2. Section 148.003(k), Civil Practice and Remedies
14 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a cause of action that
15 accrues on or after the effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.