By:  Toth H.B. No. 169

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition on certain governmental contracts with companies that require employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

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

SECTION 1.  Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 2275 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2275. MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATIONS PROHIBITED

Sec. 2275.001.  DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1)  "Company" has the meaning assigned by Section 808.001.

(2)  "Political subdivision" means a county, municipality, school district, special purpose district, or other subdivision of state government that has jurisdiction limited to a geographic portion of the state.

(3)  "State agency" has the meaning assigned by Section 609.001.

Sec. 2275.002.  PROVISION REQUIRED IN CONTRACT. A state agency or political subdivision may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it does not, and will not during the term of the contract, require, as a condition of employment, an employee to receive any COVID-19 vaccination.

SECTION 2.  Chapter 2275, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a contract entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract entered into before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the contract was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.