

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 609 was passed by the House on April 25, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 104, Nays 39, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 609 was passed by the Senate on May 11, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 11.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor