

1-1 By: Vasut, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.B. No. 609
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2023;
1-3 April 26, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 5, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 3; May 5, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hughes	X			
1-9	Paxton	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	LaMantia		X		
1-13	Menéndez		X		
1-14	Middleton	X			
1-15	Parker	X			
1-16	Perry	X			
1-17	Schwertner	X			
1-18	Zaffirini		X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the liability of a business owner or operator arising
1-22 from the exposure of an individual to a pandemic disease.
1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-24 SECTION 1. Section 148.003, Civil Practice and Remedies
1-25 Code, is amended by adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:
1-26 (k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
1-27 business owner or operator that does not require employees or
1-28 contractors of the business to be vaccinated against a pandemic
1-29 disease is not liable for injury or death caused by the exposure of
1-30 an individual to the pandemic disease through an employee or
1-31 contractor of the business.
1-32 SECTION 2. Section 148.003(k), Civil Practice and Remedies
1-33 Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a cause of action that
1-34 accrues on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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