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S.B. No. 407

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to vaccine exemptions for individuals covered under a
3 vaccine preventable disease policy implemented by certain health
4 care facilities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 224.002(c), Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (c) The policy shall~~may~~ include procedures for a covered
9 individual to be exempt from the required vaccines based on reasons
10 of conscience, including a religious belief. A health care facility
11 shall not reject an exemption based on reasons of conscience,
12 including a religious belief, for any reason.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a
14 vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.