

1-1 By: Middleton, Hall, Sparks S.B. No. 407
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 21, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
1-4 Services; April 22, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3;
1-6 April 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| 1-8 | | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-9 | Kolkhorst | X | | | |
| 1-10 | Perry | X | | | |
| 1-11 | Blanco | | X | | |
| 1-12 | Cook | | X | | |
| 1-13 | Hall | X | | | |
| 1-14 | Hancock | X | | | |
| 1-15 | Hughes | X | | | |
| 1-16 | Miles | | X | | |
| 1-17 | Sparks | X | | | |

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 407 By: Hancock

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

1-21 relating to a health care facility's required policy for vaccine
1-22 preventable diseases.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 224.002(c), Health and Safety Code, is
1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (c) The policy must:

1-27 (1) ~~may~~ include procedures for a covered individual
1-28 to be exempt from the required vaccines based on reasons of
1-29 conscience, including a religious belief; and

1-30 (2) prohibit a health care facility from rejecting,
1-31 for any reason, an exemption based on reasons of conscience,
1-32 including a religious belief.

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-34 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-35 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-36 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-37 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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