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## Harrison Refiles the Texas COVID Vaccine Freedom Act

**June 28, 2023 – Austin, TX-** Representative Brian Harrison refiled the Texas COVID Vaccine Freedom Act, HB 15, on the first day of the second special session for the 88<sup>th</sup> legislature, making good on his promise to refile it in every special session.

### Statement by Representative Harrison:

“As long as these tyrannical mandates are still destroying careers, I will defend medical freedom and refile the Texas COVID Vaccine Freedom Act in every special session and continue to hope the Governor adds it to the call as he did in 2021.”

### Background:

The Texas COVID Vaccine Freedom Act would ban all COVID-19 vaccine mandates in Texas by confirming the rights of Texans to give informed consent before receiving this medical treatment, making it illegal to administer a COVID-19 vaccine without receiving informed consent, and protecting employees from being fired for refusing a COVID-19 vaccine.

Entities throughout Texas, such as CVS, virtually all healthcare entities, and some universities still require COVID-19 vaccines for employment or admission. Without a state law banning these mandates, Texans have no protection and will continue to be fired or denied access to education if not vaccinated.

Representative Harrison filed the Texas COVID Vaccine Freedom Act in October 2021, hours after being sworn in, and again in November 2022. Rep. Harrison has promised to file the bill in every special session even if the governor does not add it the call.

The bill garnered wide support among the public, stakeholders, and his colleagues. During the regular session, after passing the Senate Chamber (20-11 vote) and the House Public Health Committee (10-1 vote) with bi-partisan support, leadership prevented the bill from even being heard on the House floor.

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**See Also:** Representative Harrison's [Tweet](#) on this matter.