

Call to Action # 23!



****ACTION TO MOVE AB309 TO FULL FLOOR VOTE****

<u>Action #1:</u>	EMAIL AND CALL Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and tell him to schedule AB309 for a FULL FLOOR SESSION
<u>Email/Phone:</u>	Representative Robin Vos Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov (608) 266-3387
<u>Deadline to email/ call:</u>	January 21, 2022

AB309 is an all-encompassing bill that prohibits discrimination based on vaccination status

***AB309 (companion bill SB336) passed committee in June, 2021. It is currently sitting and waiting to be scheduled for a vote on the full Assembly floor. This is the **final step on the Assembly side** before going to the Governor's desk. **Speaker Vos is instrumental when it comes to which bills are scheduled for a full floor vote.** ***

AB309 – This bill prohibits discrimination on the basis of vaccination status, which is defined in the bill as whether an individual has received one or more doses of a vaccine. The bill also makes changes to various discrimination laws, including all of the following:

1. Current law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and the equal enjoyment of a public place of accommodation or amusement on the basis of a person's disability. Current law also requires certain state agencies, authorities, and corporations to include provisions in contracts they execute obliging the contractor to similarly not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment. The bill adds vaccination status as a prohibited basis for discrimination in these areas.
2. Current law prohibits the University of Wisconsin System, the Technical College System, public elementary and secondary schools, and charter schools from discriminating against a student on the basis of the student's disability. The bill prohibits the same educational institutions from discriminating against a student on the basis of the student's vaccination status. The bill also prohibits the UW System Board of Regents from investing gifts, grants, and bequests in companies that practice discrimination based on vaccination status.
3. Current law prohibits the exclusion of an individual from jury duty on the basis of the individual's physical condition. The bill adds vaccination status as a prohibited basis for exclusion of an individual from jury duty.
4. The bill prohibits discrimination against an otherwise qualified person in the adoption of minor children because of the person's vaccination status.
5. Current law requires the heads of departments and independent agencies in the executive branch of state government to determine whether there is arbitrary discrimination on several bases and to take remedial action if such discrimination is found. The bill requires these heads to also determine if there is discrimination on the basis of vaccination status and take remedial action regarding such discrimination.

6. Current law prohibits discrimination against an employee, prospective employee, patient, or resident of an approved treatment facility providing treatment of alcoholic, drug dependent, mentally ill, or developmentally disabled persons on several bases. The bill adds vaccination status as a prohibited basis of discrimination.
7. Current law prohibits state agency rules from discriminating against a person on several bases. The bill adds vaccination status as a prohibited basis of discrimination.
8. Current law prohibits discrimination on several bases in the provision of vocational rehabilitation or mental health services. The bill adds vaccination status to the prohibited bases of discrimination.
9. The bill prohibits an insurer from discriminating against an individual on the basis of vaccination status and also prohibits motor carriers, automobile insurers, transportation network companies, and real estate brokers and salespersons from discriminating against an individual on the basis of vaccination status.

Introduced by Wisconsin Representatives: Moses, Thiesfeldt, Allen, Armstrong, Brooks, Cabral-Guevara, Callahan, Horlacher, Plumer, Rozar, Schraa, Sortwell, Wichgers and Ramthun, Behnke, Edming, Penterman, Murphy

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Example Email below:

****We encourage you to construct your message using your own personal story, thoughts and feelings. ****

Dear Speaker Vos-

I am writing to request that you schedule AB309 for a full vote on the Assembly floor.

At the State of State address last year, you stated, “We won’t allow anyone to mandate vaccinations on our citizens.” I implore you to stand by your promise now.

As a Wisconsinite, I am calling on you to uphold our rights as citizens and step in to protect our freedom to make individualized medical decisions for ourselves and our families. AB309 will eliminate barriers to the lives of everyday citizens so they can continue to put food on their tables and roofs over their children’s heads.

We simply cannot stand by idly while our rights are trampled, employees are terminated, and lives are destroyed over policies for a medical procedure that carries risks, including death, of which manufacturers have zero liability.

Please schedule AB309 for a full Assembly vote.