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A Bill

SENATE BILL 734

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO TREAT NATURAL IMMUNITY TO CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) THE SAME AS A VACCINE OR IMMUNIZATION FOR CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO TREAT NATURAL IMMUNITY TO CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) THE SAME AS A VACCINE OR IMMUNIZATION FOR CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-109(a)(1), concerning the authority of the State Board of Health to regulate public health, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Power is conferred on the State Board of Health to make all necessary and reasonable rules of a general nature for:

(A) The protection of the public health and safety;
(B) The general amelioration of the sanitary and hygienic conditions within the state;

(C) The suppression and prevention of infectious, contagious, and communicable diseases;

(D)(i) The proper enforcement of quarantine, isolation, and control of such diseases.

(ii)(a) If proof of natural immunity is provided, natural immunity to coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) shall be treated the same as a vaccination or immunization for coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).



(b) As used in this subdivision (a)(1)(D)(ii) of this section, "natural immunity" means the immunity from coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) that results from a previous infection of coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19); and

(E) The proper control of chemical exposures that may result in adverse health effects to the public.