

Public Health- As introduced, removes provisions in current law that override the ability of various persons to object to vaccinations, immunizations, or other medical procedures on the basis of religious tenets and practices IN ADDITION TO AN EPIDEMIC OR PANDEMIC.

HOUSE BILL 10

By Reedy HB0010

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 33; Title 37; Title 49; Title 50; Title 62; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-10-402, is amended by deleting "In the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat thereof, this" and substituting "This".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5001(b)(2), is amended by deleting "In the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat of an epidemic, this section shall not apply" and substituting "This section does not apply".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-3-106(10), is amended by deleting ", except where the medical examination, immunization or treatment is necessary for the protection of the health or safety of others".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-2-603(f), is amended by deleting "In the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat of an epidemic, any person who shall file" and substituting "Any person who files".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-5-106, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A state agency or department shall not promulgate or enforce any rule, and a political subdivision of this state shall not promulgate, adopt, or enforce any ordinance or resolution, that requires medical examination, immunization, or treatment for those who object to the medical examination, immunization, or treatment on religious grounds or by right of conscience.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.