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employee termination; COVID-19 vaccine; compensation

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# **HOUSE BILL 2198**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 23, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 23-207; RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2       Section 1. Title 23, chapter 2, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 23-207, to read:

4           23-207. Employee compensation; termination; COVID-19 vaccine

5           NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS TERMINATED FOR NOT  
6 RECEIVING A COVID-19 VACCINE AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT SHALL RECEIVE  
7 EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

8           1. SEVERANCE COMPENSATION PAID BY AN EMPLOYER IN THE AMOUNT OF THE  
9 EMPLOYEE'S ANNUAL SALARY IN ONE LUMP SUM OR INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OVER  
10 TWELVE MONTHS.

11           2. REEMPLOYMENT WITH THE EMPLOYER AT THE SAME OR SIMILAR POSITION  
12 HELD ON THE DATE THE EMPLOYEE WAS TERMINATED AND A REASONABLE  
13 ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED BY THE EMPLOYER TO THE EMPLOYEE.

14           Sec. 2. Retroactivity

15           Section 23-207, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act,  
16 applies retroactively to from and after November 30, 2021.