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Representatives Fink: Heap, Powell, Way

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 4.1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-675; RELATING TO IMMUNIZATIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Heading change

3 The article heading of title 36, chapter 6, article 4.1, Arizona
4 Revised Statutes, is changed from "SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION" to
5 "IMMUNIZATIONS".

6 Sec. 2. Title 36, chapter 6, article 4.1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
7 is amended by adding section 36-675, to read:

8 36-675. Required immunizations; exemption; criteria

9 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED TO
10 RECEIVE AN IMMUNIZATION FOR ANY PURPOSE, INCLUDING AS A CONDITION OF
11 EMPLOYMENT, SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OR OBTAINING ANY LICENSE, CERTIFICATION OR
12 DEGREE, MAY CLAIM AN EXEMPTION FROM THE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT IF THERE
13 IS NOT A VACCINE AVAILABLE TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENT THAT MEETS ALL OF
14 THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

15 1. THE VACCINE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG
16 ADMINISTRATION.

17 2. THE VACCINE HAS BEEN EVALUATED FOR ITS LONG-TERM POTENTIAL TO
18 CAUSE CANCER, IMPAIR FERTILITY AND MUTATE GENES.

19 3. THE PIVOTAL CLINICAL TRIAL ON WHICH THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND
20 DRUG ADMINISTRATION RELIED FOR APPROVAL OF THE VACCINE EVALUATED THE
21 VACCINE'S SAFETY FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS AFTER THE VACCINE WAS ADMINISTERED
22 AGAINST A CONTROL GROUP THAT RECEIVED EITHER:

23 (a) A PLACEBO.

24 (b) ANOTHER APPROVED VACCINE THAT WAS LICENSED BASED ON A PIVOTAL
25 CLINICAL TRIAL THAT EVALUATED THE SAFETY OF THAT VACCINE AGAINST A CONTROL
26 GROUP THAT RECEIVED A PLACEBO.

27 4. THE DEPARTMENT POSTS ON ITS WEBSITE ANY KNOWN INJURIES OR
28 DISEASES CAUSED BY THE VACCINE AND THE RATE AT WHICH THE INJURY OR DISEASE
29 OCCURS FROM THE VACCINE.

30 5. THE STUDIES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED THAT ARE NECESSARY TO DETERMINE
31 ANY INJURY OR DISEASE THAT THE VACCINE MAY CAUSE WHEN ADMINISTERED ALONE
32 OR WITH ANOTHER STATE-MANDATED VACCINE.

33 6. THE RISK OF PERMANENT DISABILITY OR DEATH FROM THE VACCINE HAS
34 BEEN PROVEN TO BE LESS THAN THAT CAUSED BY THE INFECTION IT IS INTENDED TO
35 PREVENT.

36 7. THE VACCINE'S MANUFACTURER HAS LIABILITY FOR DESIGN DEFECT
37 CLAIMS FOR ANY INJURY CAUSED BY THE VACCINE.

38 B. A PERSON MAY CLAIM THE EXEMPTION IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION
39 ON THE PERSON'S OWN BEHALF OR ON BEHALF OF THE PERSON'S CHILD OR
40 DEPENDENT. THE DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER STATE AGENCY, BOARD OR COMMISSION
41 MAY NOT REQUIRE THE PERSON TO MEET ANY OTHER CONDITION OR REQUIREMENT TO
42 CLAIM THE EXEMPTION.