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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to protection of medical freedom; amending s. 381.003, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Health from requiring enrollment in the state's immunization registry or otherwise requiring persons to submit to immunization tracking; prohibiting the department from including a person's immunization records in any interstate or federal immunization tracking system or otherwise giving an entity access to a person's immunization records without first obtaining written informed consent from the person or person's parent or quardian, as applicable; amending s. 381.00316, F.S.; prohibiting business and governmental entities from requiring individuals to provide proof of vaccination or postinfection recovery from any disease to gain access to, entry upon, or service from such entities; prohibiting educational institutions from requiring students or residents to provide proof of vaccination or postinfection recovery from any disease for attendance or enrollment or to gain access to, entry upon, or service from such entities; providing an exception; prohibiting health care providers from making the provision of any health care service contingent upon patients' vaccination or postinfection recovery from any disease; creating s. 448.077, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting employers from refusing employment to, or discharging, disciplining, demoting, or otherwise discriminating against, an individual solely on the basis of

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vaccination or immunity status; creating a right of action for aggrieved individuals; providing for relief; creating ss. 626.9708, 627.6441, 627.6614, and 641.31078, F.S.; defining the term "vaccination or immunity status"; specifying prohibited discriminatory practices in the provision of life and disability insurance policies, health insurance policies, group health insurance policies, and health maintenance contracts, respectively; providing construction; amending s. 760.01, F.S.; revising the purposes of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 to include discrimination protection for vaccination or immunity status; reordering and amending s. 760.02, F.S.; defining the term "vaccination or immunity status"; amending s. 760.05, F.S.; revising the functions of the Florida Commission on Human Relations to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 760.07, F.S.; revising provisions regarding remedies for unlawful discrimination to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 760.08, F.S.; prohibiting places of public accommodation from discriminating on the basis of vaccination or immunity status; amending s. 760.10, F.S.; prohibiting employers from engaging in specified discriminatory employment practices on the basis of a person's vaccination or immunity status; providing an exception; amending s. 760.22, F.S.; defining the term "vaccination or immunity status"; amending ss. 760.23, 760.24, 760.25, and 760.26, F.S.; prohibiting discrimination on the basis of a person's vaccination

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or immunity status in the sale or rental of housing, the provision of brokerage services, the financing of housing or residential real estate transactions, and land use decisions or permitting of development, respectively; amending s. 760.29, F.S.; revising an exemption from the Fair Housing Act regarding the appraisal of real property to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 760.60, F.S.; prohibiting certain clubs from engaging in specified discriminatory practices on the basis of a person's vaccination or immunity status; amending s. 1003.22, F.S.; prohibiting the department from requiring children to receive immunizations approved only for emergency use as a school-entry requirement; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 381.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.003 Communicable disease and AIDS prevention and control.—

(1) The department shall conduct a communicable disease prevention and control program as part of fulfilling its public health mission. A communicable disease is any disease caused by transmission of a specific infectious agent, or its toxic products, from an infected person, an infected animal, or the environment to a susceptible host, either directly or indirectly. The communicable disease program must include, but

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need not be limited to:

- (e) Programs for the prevention and control of vaccinepreventable diseases, including programs to immunize school
 children as required by s. 1003.22(3)-(11) and the development
 of an automated, electronic, and centralized database and
 registry of immunizations. The department may not require
 enrollment in the immunization registry or otherwise require
 persons to submit to any form of immunization tracking. The
 department shall ensure that all children in this state are
 immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases. The immunization
 registry must allow the department to enhance current
 immunization activities for the purpose of improving the
 immunization of all children in this state.
- 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., the department shall include all children born in this state in the immunization registry by using the birth records from the Office of Vital Statistics. The department shall add other children to the registry as immunization services are provided.
- 2. The parent or guardian of a child may refuse to have the child included in the immunization registry by signing a form obtained from the department, or from the health care practitioner or entity that provides the immunization, which indicates that the parent or guardian does not wish to have the child included in the immunization registry. Each consent to treatment form provided by a health care practitioner or by an entity that administers vaccinations or causes vaccinations to be administered to children from birth through 17 years of age must contain a notice stating that the parent or guardian of a child may refuse to have his or her child included in the

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immunization registry. The parent or guardian <u>may either submit</u> the opt-out form directly to the department or <u>must</u> provide <u>it</u> such opt-out form to the health care practitioner or entity upon administration of the vaccination. Such health care practitioner or entity shall submit the form to the department. <u>If a parent</u> or guardian has refused to have his or her child included in the <u>immunization registry</u>, A parent or guardian may submit the opt-out form directly to the department. any records or identifying information pertaining to the child <u>must shall</u> be removed from the registry, if the parent or guardian has refused to have his or her child included in the immunization registry.

- 3. A college or university student, from 18 years of age to 23 years of age, who obtains a vaccination from a college or university student health center or clinic in this the state may refuse to be included in the immunization registry by signing a form obtained from the department, health center, or clinic which indicates that the student does not wish to be included in the immunization registry. The student may either submit the form directly to the department or must provide it such opt-out form to the health center or clinic upon administration of the immunization vaccination. Such health center or clinic shall submit the form to the department. If the student has refused to be included in the immunization registry, A student may submit the opt-out form directly to the department. any records or identifying information pertaining to the student must shall be removed from the registry if the student has refused to be included in the immunization registry.
- 4. The immunization registry shall allow for immunization records to be electronically available to entities that are

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required by law to have such records, including, but not limited to, schools and licensed child care facilities. However, the department may not include a person's immunization records in any interstate or federal immunization tracking system or otherwise allow an entity not required by law to have such records without first obtaining written informed consent from the person or the person's parent or guardian, if the person is a minor, to release the immunization records for such purpose.

5. A health care practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 464 in this state who administers vaccinations or causes vaccinations to be administered to children from birth through 17 years of age is required to report vaccination data to the immunization registry, unless a parent or quardian of a child has refused to have the child included in the immunization registry by meeting the requirements of subparagraph 2. A health care practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 464 in this state who administers vaccinations or causes vaccinations to be administered to college or university students from 18 years of age to 23 years of age at a college or university student health center or clinic is required to report vaccination data to the immunization registry, unless the student has refused to be included in the immunization registry by meeting the requirements of subparagraph 3. Vaccination data for students in other age ranges may be submitted to the immunization registry only if the student consents to inclusion in the immunization registry. The upload of data from existing automated systems is an acceptable method for updating immunization information in the immunization registry. The information in the immunization

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registry must include the child's name, date of birth, address, and any other unique identifier necessary to correctly identify the child; the immunization record, including the date, type of administered vaccine, and vaccine lot number; and the presence or absence of any adverse reaction or contraindication related to the immunization. Information received by the department for the immunization registry retains its status as confidential medical information and the department must maintain the confidentiality of that information as otherwise required by law. A health care practitioner or other agency that obtains information from the immunization registry must maintain the confidentiality of any medical records in accordance with s. 456.057 or as otherwise required by law.

Section 2. Section 381.00316, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.00316 COVID-19 Vaccine documentation.

- (1) A business entity, as defined in s. 768.38 to include any business operating in this state, may not require patrons or customers to provide any documentation certifying COVID-19 vaccination or postinfection recovery from any disease to gain access to, entry upon, or service from the business operations in this state. This subsection does not otherwise restrict businesses from instituting screening protocols consistent with authoritative or controlling government-issued guidance to protect public health.
- (2) A governmental entity as defined in s. 768.38 may not require persons to provide any documentation certifying COVID-19 vaccination or postinfection recovery from any disease to gain access to, entry upon, or service from the governmental entity's

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operations in this state. This subsection does not otherwise restrict governmental entities from instituting screening protocols consistent with authoritative or controlling government-issued guidance to protect public health.

- (3) An educational institution as defined in s. 768.38 may not require students or residents to provide any documentation certifying COVID-19 vaccination or postinfection recovery from any disease for attendance or enrollment, or to gain access to, entry upon, or service from such educational institution in this state. This subsection does not otherwise restrict educational institutions from instituting screening protocols consistent with authoritative or controlling government-issued guidance to protect public health. This subsection does not apply to immunizations required by s. 1003.22(3).
- (4) The department may impose a fine not to exceed \$5,000 per violation.
- (5) This section does not apply to a health care provider as defined in s. 768.38; a service provider licensed or certified under s. 393.17, part III of chapter 401, or part IV of chapter 468; or a provider with an active health care clinic exemption under s. 400.9935. However, such providers may not make the provision of any health care services contingent upon a patient receiving or having received a particular vaccine or having recovered from infection from a particular disease.
- (6) The department may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536 and 120.54 to implement this section.
- Section 3. Section 448.077, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 448.077 Employment discrimination on the basis of

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vaccination or immunity status prohibited.-

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Employee" means any individual who performs services for and under the direction and control of an employer for wages or other remuneration. The term includes independent contractors.
- (b) "Employer" means any individual, firm, partnership, institution, corporation, or association that employs two or more employees. The term includes governmental entities as defined in s. 768.38.
- (c) "Vaccination or immunity status," with respect to an individual, means whether he or she has been administered a vaccine for or is otherwise immune to a particular disease.
- (2) It is an unlawful employment practice for an employer to refuse to employ an individual, or to discharge, discipline, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee with respect to wages or terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, based on the individual's vaccination or immunity status.
- (3) An individual who is refused employment or discriminated against on the basis of vaccination or immunity status in violation of this section may file a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction for relief as set forth in subsection (4).
- (4) In any action brought pursuant to subsection (3), the court may order any of the following relief, as applicable:
- (a) An injunction restraining continued violation of this section.
 - (b) Employment or reinstatement of the employee to the same

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position applied for or held, as applicable, before the
violation occurred or to an equivalent position.

 (c) Compensation for lost wages, benefits, and other
remuneration.

 (d) Reasonable attorney fees.
 (e) Any other relief the court deems appropriate.
 Section 4. Section 626.9708, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 626.9708 Discrimination on the basis of vaccination or immunity status prohibited.—
 (1) As used in this section, the term "vaccination or immunity status," with respect to an individual, means whether he or she has been administered a vaccine for or is otherwise

(2) An insurer authorized to transact insurance in this state may not do any of the following:

immune to a particular disease.

- (a) Require proof of vaccination or immunity status for any disease from an applicant or a policyholder.
- (b) Refuse to issue or renew any policy of life insurance or disability insurance solely on the basis of the applicant's or policyholder's vaccination or immunity status.
- (c) Impose a higher premium rate or charge or otherwise discriminate in coverage in a life insurance policy or disability insurance policy solely on the basis of the applicant's or policyholder's vaccination or immunity status.
- (3) This section may not be construed to require an insurer to provide insurance coverage for a medical condition that the applicant or policyholder has already sustained.
 - Section 5. Section 627.6441, Florida Statutes, is created

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to read:

627.6441 Discrimination on the basis of vaccination or immunity status prohibited.—

- (1) As used in this section, the term "vaccination or immunity status," with respect to an individual, means whether he or she has been administered a vaccine for or is otherwise immune to a particular disease.
 - (2) A health insurer may not do any of the following:
- (a) Require proof of vaccination or immunity status for any disease from an applicant or a policyholder.
- (b) Refuse to issue or renew a health insurance policy solely on the basis of the applicant's or policyholder's vaccination or immunity status.
- (c) Impose a higher premium rate or charge or otherwise discriminate in the coverage of care in a health insurance policy solely on the basis of the applicant's or policyholder's vaccination or immunity status.
- (3) This section may not be construed to require a health insurer to provide coverage for a medical condition that the applicant or policyholder has already sustained.
- Section 6. Section 627.6614, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- $\underline{\text{627.6614}}$ Discrimination on the basis of vaccination or immunity status prohibited.—
- (1) As used in this section, the term "vaccination or immunity status," with respect to an individual, means whether he or she has been administered a vaccine for or is otherwise immune to a particular disease.
 - (2) An insurer offering coverage under a group, blanket, or

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franchise health insurance policy in this state may not do any of the following:

- (a) Require proof of vaccination or immunity status for any disease from an applicant or a policyholder.
- (b) Refuse to issue or renew a health insurance policy solely on the basis of the applicant's or policyholder's vaccination or immunity status.
- (c) Impose a higher premium rate or charge or otherwise discriminate in the coverage of care in a health insurance policy solely on the basis of the applicant's or policyholder's vaccination or immunity status.
- (3) This section may not be construed to require an insurer to provide coverage for a medical condition that the applicant or policyholder has already sustained.
- Section 7. Section 641.31078, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- <u>641.31078 Discrimination on the basis of vaccination or immunity status prohibited.</u>
- (1) As used in this section, the term "vaccination or immunity status," with respect to an individual, means whether he or she has been administered a vaccine for or is otherwise immune to a particular disease.
- (2) A health maintenance organization providing coverage under a health maintenance contract in this state may not do any of the following:
- (a) Require proof of vaccination or immunity status for any disease from an applicant or a subscriber.
- (b) Refuse to issue or renew a health maintenance contract solely on the basis of the applicant's or subscriber's

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vaccination or immunity status.

- (c) Impose a higher premium rate or charge or otherwise discriminate in the coverage of care in a health maintenance contract solely on the basis of the applicant's or subscriber's vaccination or immunity status.
- (3) This section may not be construed to require a health maintenance organization to provide coverage for a medical condition that the applicant or subscriber has already sustained.

Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 760.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

760.01 Purposes; construction; title.-

(2) The general purposes of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 are to secure for all individuals within this the state freedom from discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status and thereby to protect their interest in personal dignity, to make available to the state their full productive capacities, to secure this the state against domestic strife and unrest, to preserve the public safety, health, and general welfare, and to promote the interests, rights, and privileges of individuals within this the state.

Section 9. Section 760.02, Florida Statutes, is reordered and amended to read:

760.02 Definitions.—For the purposes of ss. 760.01-760.11 and 509.092, the term:

(7) "Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992" means ss. 760.01-760.11 and 509.092.

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(2) "Commission" means the Florida Commission on Human Relations created by s. 760.03.

- (3) "Commissioner" or "member" means a member of the commission.
- (4) "Discriminatory practice" means any practice made unlawful by the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992.
 - (9) (5) "National origin" includes ancestry.
- (10) (6) "Person" includes an individual, association, corporation, joint apprenticeship committee, joint-stock company, labor union, legal representative, mutual company, partnership, receiver, trust, trustee in bankruptcy, or unincorporated organization; any other legal or commercial entity; the state; or any governmental entity or agency.
- $\underline{(5)}$ "Employer" means any person employing 15 or more employees for each working day in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, and any agent of such a person.
- (6) (8) "Employment agency" means any person regularly undertaking, with or without compensation, to procure employees for an employer or to procure for employees opportunities to work for an employer, and includes an agent of such a person.
- (8) (9) "Labor organization" means any organization which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining or of dealing with employers concerning grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment.
- $\underline{\text{(1)}}$ "Aggrieved person" means any person who files a complaint with the Human Relations Commission.
 - (11) "Public accommodations" means places of public

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accommodation, lodgings, facilities principally engaged in selling food for consumption on the premises, gasoline stations, places of exhibition or entertainment, and other covered establishments. Each of the following establishments which serves the public is a place of public accommodation within the meaning of this section:

- (a) Any inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment which provides lodging to transient guests, other than an establishment located within a building which contains not more than four rooms for rent or hire and which is actually occupied by the proprietor of such establishment as his or her residence.
- (b) Any restaurant, cafeteria, lunchroom, lunch counter, soda fountain, or other facility principally engaged in selling food for consumption on the premises, including, but not limited to, any such facility located on the premises of any retail establishment, or any gasoline station.
- (c) Any motion picture theater, theater, concert hall, sports arena, stadium, or other place of exhibition or entertainment.
- (d) Any establishment which is physically located within the premises of any establishment otherwise covered by this subsection, or within the premises of which is physically located any such covered establishment, and which holds itself out as serving patrons of such covered establishment.
- (12) "Vaccination or immunity status," with respect to an individual, means whether he or she has been administered a vaccination for or is otherwise immune to a particular disease.

Section 10. Section 760.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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760.05 Functions of the commission.—The commission shall promote and encourage fair treatment and equal opportunity for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status and mutual understanding and respect among all members of all economic, social, racial, religious, and ethnic groups; and shall endeavor to eliminate discrimination against, and antagonism between, religious, racial, and ethnic groups and their members.

Section 11. Section 760.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

760.07 Remedies for unlawful discrimination.—Any violation of any Florida statute that makes unlawful discrimination because of race, color, religion, gender, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status in the areas of education, employment, or public accommodations gives rise to a cause of action for all relief and damages described in s. 760.11(5), unless greater damages are expressly provided for. If the statute prohibiting unlawful discrimination provides an administrative remedy, the action for equitable relief and damages provided for in this section may be initiated only after the plaintiff has exhausted his or her administrative remedy. The term "public accommodations" does not include lodge halls or other similar facilities of private organizations which are made available for public use occasionally or periodically. The right to trial by jury is preserved in any case in which the plaintiff is seeking actual or punitive damages.

Section 12. Section 760.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to

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read:

760.08 Discrimination in places of public accommodation.— All persons are entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of any place of public accommodation without discrimination or segregation on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, familial status, or religion.

Section 13. Subsections (1) and (2), paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3), subsections (4), (5), and (6), and paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of section 760.10, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

760.10 Unlawful employment practices.-

- (1) It is an unlawful employment practice for an employer:
- (a) To discharge or to fail or refuse to hire any individual, or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status.
- (b) To limit, segregate, or classify employees or applicants for employment in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities, or adversely affect any individual's status as an employee, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status.
- (2) It is an unlawful employment practice for an employment agency to fail or refuse to refer for employment, or otherwise

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to discriminate against, any individual because of race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status or to classify or refer for employment any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status.

- (3) It is an unlawful employment practice for a labor organization:
- (a) To exclude or to expel from its membership, or otherwise to discriminate against, any individual because of race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status.
- (b) To limit, segregate, or classify its membership or applicants for membership, or to classify or fail or refuse to refer for employment any individual, in any way that would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities, or adversely affect any individual's status as an employee or as an applicant for employment, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status.
- (4) It is an unlawful employment practice for any employer, labor organization, or joint labor-management committee controlling apprenticeship or other training or retraining, including on-the-job training programs, to discriminate against any individual because of race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status in admission to, or employment in, any program established to provide apprenticeship or other training.

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(5) Whenever, in order to engage in a profession, occupation, or trade, it is required that a person receive a license, certification, or other credential, become a member or an associate of any club, association, or other organization, or pass any examination, it is an unlawful employment practice for any person to discriminate against any other person seeking such license, certification, or other credential, seeking to become a member or associate of such club, association, or other organization, or seeking to take or pass such examination, because of such other person's race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status.

- (6) It is an unlawful employment practice for an employer, labor organization, employment agency, or joint labor-management committee to print, or cause to be printed or published, any notice or advertisement relating to employment, membership, classification, referral for employment, or apprenticeship or other training, indicating any preference, limitation, specification, or discrimination, based on race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, absence of handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status.
- (9) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, it is not an unlawful employment practice under ss. 760.01-760.10 for an employer, employment agency, labor organization, or joint labor-management committee to:
- (a) Take or fail to take any action on the basis of religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status in those certain instances in which religion, sex, condition of

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pregnancy, national origin, age, absence of a particular handicap, vaccination or immunity status, or marital status is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary for the performance of the particular employment to which such action or inaction is related.

Section 14. Subsection (11) is added to section 760.22, Florida Statutes, to read:

- 760.22 Definitions.—As used in ss. 760.20-760.37, the term:
- (11) "Vaccination or immunity status," with respect to an individual, means whether he or she has been administered a vaccination for or is otherwise immune to a particular disease.

Section 15. Subsections (1) through (5) of section 760.23, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 760.23 Discrimination in the sale or rental of housing and other prohibited practices.—
- (1) It is unlawful to refuse to sell or rent after the making of a bona fide offer, to refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of, or otherwise to make unavailable or deny a dwelling to any person because of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, vaccination or immunity status, familial status, or religion.
- (2) It is unlawful to discriminate against any person in the terms, conditions, or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities in connection therewith, because of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, vaccination or immunity status, familial status, or religion.
- (3) It is unlawful to make, print, or publish, or cause to be made, printed, or published, any notice, statement, or

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advertisement with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, vaccination or immunity status, familial status, or religion or an intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination.

- (4) It is unlawful to represent to any person because of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, <u>vaccination or immunity status</u>, familial status, or religion that any dwelling is not available for inspection, sale, or rental when such dwelling is in fact so available.
- (5) It is unlawful, for profit, to induce or attempt to induce any person to sell or rent any dwelling by a representation regarding the entry or prospective entry into the neighborhood of a person or persons of a particular race, color, national origin, sex, disability, vaccination or immunity status, familial status, or religion.

Section 16. Section 760.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

760.24 Discrimination in the provision of brokerage services.—It is unlawful to deny any person access to, or membership or participation in, any multiple-listing service, real estate brokers' organization, or other service, organization, or facility relating to the business of selling or renting dwellings, or to discriminate against him or her in the terms or conditions of such access, membership, or participation, on account of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, vaccination or immunity status, familial status, or religion.

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Section 17. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 760.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

760.25 Discrimination in the financing of housing or in residential real estate transactions.—

- (1) It is unlawful for any bank, building and loan association, insurance company, or other corporation, association, firm, or enterprise the business of which consists in whole or in part of the making of commercial real estate loans to deny a loan or other financial assistance to a person applying for the loan for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, improving, repairing, or maintaining a dwelling, or to discriminate against him or her in the fixing of the amount, interest rate, duration, or other term or condition of such loan or other financial assistance, because of the race, color, national origin, sex, disability, vaccination or immunity status, familial status, or religion of such person or of any person associated with him or her in connection with such loan or other financial assistance or the purposes of such loan or other financial assistance, or because of the race, color, national origin, sex, disability, vaccination or immunity status, familial status, or religion of the present or prospective owners, lessees, tenants, or occupants of the dwelling or dwellings in relation to which such loan or other financial assistance is to be made or given.
- (2) (a) It is unlawful for any person or entity whose business includes engaging in residential real estate transactions to discriminate against any person in making available such a transaction, or in the terms or conditions of such a transaction, because of race, color, national origin,

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sex, disability, <u>vaccination or immunity status</u>, familial status, or religion.

Section 18. Section 760.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

760.26 Prohibited discrimination in land use decisions and in permitting of development.—It is unlawful to discriminate in land use decisions or in the permitting of development based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, vaccination or immunity status, familial status, religion, or, except as otherwise provided by law, the source of financing of a development or proposed development.

Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 760.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

760.29 Exemptions.

- (5) Nothing in ss. 760.20-760.37:
- (a) Prohibits a person engaged in the business of furnishing appraisals of real property from taking into consideration factors other than race, color, national origin, sex, disability, vaccination or immunity status, familial status, or religion.

Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 760.60, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

760.60 Discriminatory practices of certain clubs prohibited; remedies.—

(1) It is unlawful for a person to discriminate against any individual because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, age above the age of 21, or marital status in evaluating an application for membership in a club that has more than 400 members, that

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provides regular meal service, and that regularly receives payment for dues, fees, use of space, facilities, services, meals, or beverages directly or indirectly from nonmembers for business purposes. It is unlawful for a person, on behalf of such a club, to publish, circulate, issue, display, post, or mail any advertisement, notice, or solicitation that contains a statement to the effect that the accommodations, advantages, facilities, membership, or privileges of the club are denied to any individual because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, handicap, vaccination or immunity status, age above the age of 21, or marital status. This subsection does not apply to fraternal or benevolent organizations, ethnic clubs, or religious organizations where business activity is not prevalent.

Section 21. Subsection (3) of section 1003.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.22 School-entry health examinations; immunization against communicable diseases; exemptions; duties of Department of Health.—

(3) The Department of Health may adopt rules necessary to administer and enforce this section. The Department of Health, after consultation with the Department of Education, shall adopt rules governing the immunization of children against, the testing for, and the control of preventable communicable diseases. The rules must include procedures for exempting a child from immunization requirements. Immunizations <u>must shall</u> be required for poliomyelitis, diphtheria, rubeola, rubella, pertussis, mumps, tetanus, and other communicable diseases as determined by rules of the Department of Health; however, any

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immunization approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration only for emergency use may not be required. The manner and frequency of administration of the immunization or testing must shall conform to recognized standards of medical practice. The Department of Health shall supervise and secure the enforcement of the required immunization. Immunizations required by this section must shall be available at no cost from the county health departments.

Section 22. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.