

## Medical Freedom-Related Bills, by Chief Patron

SB=Senate Bill, HB=House of Delegates Bill

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**Green**=SUPPORT (pro-med freedom), **Red**=OPPOSE

### **SB 793 COVID-19; **prescriptions** for hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin for treatment. Outcome: Health Subcommittee recommended against this bill on Jan. 13**

(5N:2Y, 2 Rs not present for vote)

Introduced by: [Amanda F. Chase](#)

#### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**Prescriptions for hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin for treatment of COVID-19.** Provides that licensed health care providers with prescriptive authority may prescribe, administer, or dispense hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin to a patient with a clinical diagnosis of COVID-19. The bill prohibits the Board of Medicine from initiating a disciplinary action against a licensed health care provider solely for prescribing, administering, or dispensing hydroxychloroquine or ivermectin to a patient with a clinical diagnosis of COVID-19, provided such clinical diagnosis and treatment has been documented in the patient's medical record by such licensed health care provider.

§ [54.1-3408.6](#). *Prescriptions for hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin for treatment of COVID-19.*

A. *Licensed health care providers with prescriptive authority may prescribe, administer, or dispense hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin to a patient with a clinical diagnosis of COVID-19. The Board of Medicine shall not initiate a disciplinary action against a licensed health care provider and such licensed health care provider shall not be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Medicine solely for prescribing, administering, or dispensing hydroxychloroquine or ivermectin to a patient with a clinical diagnosis of COVID-19, provided such clinical diagnosis and treatment has been documented in the patient's medical record by such licensed health care provider.*

B. *Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant any person immunity from investigation or disciplinary action for any other violation of this title.*

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### **SB 792 COVID-19 **immunization**; prohibition on requirement, discrimination prohibited, civil penalty.**

**VAMFA supports an amended form of this bill**

Introduced by: [Amanda F. Chase](#)

#### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**COVID-19 immunization; prohibition on requirement; discrimination prohibited; civil penalty.** Prohibits the State Health Commissioner and the Board of Health, the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department of Health Professions and any regulatory board therein, and the Department of Social Services from requiring any person, including any child, to undergo vaccination for COVID-19 and prohibits discrimination based on a person's COVID-19 vaccination status (i) with regard to education, employment, or issuance of a driver's license or other state identification or (ii) in numerous other contexts. The bill establishes a civil penalty for violation of this prohibition by an employer.

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## **SB 833 COVID-19 immunization; prohibition on requirement, discrimination prohibited, civil penalty. (This is essentially the same bill as SB 792. Needs amendment.)**

Introduced by: [Amanda F. Chase](#)

#### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**COVID-19 immunization; prohibition on requirement; discrimination prohibited; civil penalty.** Prohibits the State Health Commissioner and the Board of Health, the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Department of Health Professions and any regulatory board therein, and the Department of Social Services from requiring any person, including any child, to undergo vaccination for COVID-19 and prohibits discrimination based on a person's COVID-19 vaccination status (i) with regard to education, employment, or issuance of a driver's license or other state identification or (ii) in numerous other contexts. The bill establishes a civil penalty for violation of this prohibition by an employer.

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## **SB 849 Public utilities; customer consent to install smart meter.**

Introduced by: [Amanda F. Chase](#)

***VAMFA supports an amended form of this bill***

#### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**Public utilities; customer consent to install smart meter.** Prohibits a public utility from installing a smart meter, defined in the bill, on the premises of a customer without first obtaining such customer's consent to such installation. The bill requires a public utility, for any smart meter installed by a public utility prior to July 1, 2023, to provide the customer an opportunity to consent to the previous installation. The bill requires a public utility to offer to remove a smart meter without cost to the customer that was installed without obtaining the customer's consent. The bill prohibits a public utility from (i) discontinuing service to a customer who does not consent to the installation of a smart meter; (ii) charging a fee, assessment, or higher rate to a customer who does not consent to the installation of a smart meter; or (iii) providing or offering to provide discounted rates to a customer in exchange for obtaining the customer's consent to install a smart meter.

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## **SB 972 Powers of State Health Commissioner in epidemic; vaccine; religious tenets or practices.**

Introduced by: [Mark J. Peake](#)

***VAMFA supports this bill***

#### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**Powers of State Health Commissioner in epidemic; vaccine; religious tenets or practices.** Allows a parent or guardian to object to the vaccination or immunization of a child on the grounds that the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with his religious tenets or practices, even if an emergency or epidemic of disease has been declared by the State Board of Health, which is not allowed under current law. The bill also provides that nothing shall preclude the State Health Commissioner from requiring immediate immunization of all persons in the case of an epidemic of any disease of public health importance for which a vaccine exists other than a person, including a parent or guardian on behalf of a child, who objects on the grounds that the administration of the vaccine conflicts with his religious tenets or practices. Under current law, the only exception to the Commissioner's power to require immediate immunization of all persons in case of an epidemic of any disease of public health importance for which a vaccine exists is for a person to whose health the administration of a vaccine would be detrimental as certified in writing by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth.

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## SB 991 Public institutions of higher education; immunization requirements.

Introduced by: [Mark J. Peake](#)

**VAMFA supports this bill**

#### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**Public institutions of higher education; immunization requirements.** Declares that the General Assembly has the sole authority to impose immunization requirements on students enrolled in public institutions of higher education and any policy or any revision to any policy of a public institution of higher education relating to immunization requirements is void to the extent that it is inconsistent with the law of the Commonwealth. The bill also expands the scope of exemptions from such immunization requirements by (i) providing that any student shall be exempt from the immunization requirements or from the health history requirement if the student or, if such student is under the age of 18, the parent of such student objects on the grounds that compliance with the requirement would conflict with the student's or the parent's religious tenets or practices and (ii) removing the exception providing that the religious exemption to any immunization requirement shall not apply if the Board of Health declares an emergency or epidemic of disease.

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## SB 962 Elementary and secondary schools; athletics; participation in female sports; civil cause of action.

Introduced by: [Mark J. Peake](#)

**VAMFA supports this bill**

#### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**Elementary and secondary schools; athletics; participation in female sports; civil cause of action.** Requires each public elementary or secondary school and each private elementary or secondary school that competes in sponsored athletic events against such public schools to designate all interscholastic athletic teams and intramural athletic teams

sponsored by such school based on biological sex as follows: (i) for "males," "men," or "boys"; (ii) for "females," "women," or "girls"; or (iii) as "coed" or "mixed" if such team is open to participation by (a) "males," "men," or "boys" and (b) "females," "women," or "girls." The bill prohibits students whose biological sex is male from participating on any school athletic team or squad designated for "females," "women," or "girls." Finally, the bill creates a civil cause of action for students and schools that suffer harm as a result of a violation of the provisions of the bill, provided that such action is initiated within two years of the harm occurring.

#### FULL TEXT

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## HB 1397 Student immunization requirements; parental opt-out.

Introduced by: [Marie E. March](#)

*VAMFA supports an amended form of this bill*

#### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**Student immunization requirements; parental opt-out.** Permits any parent of a child who attends any public or private preschool, nursery school, licensed child care center, or elementary or secondary school or who is school-aged but receives home instruction or is exempted or excused from school attendance pursuant to relevant law to elect for his child not to receive any immunization otherwise required by the State Board of Health. Under current law, such a parent is only permitted to make such an election if he (i) objects on the grounds that the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with his religious tenets or practices or (ii) presents a statement from a physician licensed to practice medicine in Virginia, a licensed nurse practitioner, or a local health department that states that the physical condition of the child is such that the administration of one or more of the required immunizing agents would be detrimental to the health of the child.

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## SB 876 Public elementary and secondary schools; immunization requirements.

Introduced by: [Ryan T. McDougle](#)

*VAMFA supports an amended form of this bill*

#### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**Public elementary and secondary schools; enrollment; immunization requirements.** Prohibits any child from being denied admission to school for not receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. The bill also prohibits the State Board of Health from adopting any regulation requiring immunization against COVID-19 for attendance at any public elementary or secondary school.

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## HB 1736 **Family life education curriculum guidelines; human reproduction; viewing of ultrasound video.**

*VAMFA supports this bill*

Introduced by: [Dave A. LaRock](#)

### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**Family life education curriculum guidelines; human reproduction; viewing of ultrasound video recording.** Requires the instruction on human reproduction contained in the Board of Education's family life education curriculum guidelines to include the viewing of a video recording of an ultrasound of a live unborn human in the uterus.

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## SB 930 **Health care; decision making, end of life, penalties. (Euthanasia, medication-assisted suicide)**

*VAMFA opposes any form of this bill*

Introduced by: [Ghazala F. Hashmi](#)

### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**Health care; decision making; end of life; penalties.** Allows an adult diagnosed with a terminal condition to request and an attending health care provider to prescribe a self-administered controlled substance for the purpose of ending the patient's life in a humane and dignified manner. The bill requires that a patient's request for a self-administered controlled substance to end his life must be given orally on two occasions and in writing, signed by the patient and one witness, and that the patient be given an express opportunity to rescind his request at any time. The bill makes it a Class 2 felony (i) to willfully and deliberately alter, forge, conceal, or destroy a patient's request, or rescission of request, for a self-administered controlled substance to end his life with the intent and effect of causing the patient's death; (ii) to coerce, intimidate, or exert undue influence on a patient to request a self-administered controlled substance for the purpose of ending his life or to destroy the patient's rescission of such request with the intent and effect of causing the patient's death; or (iii) to coerce, intimidate, or exert undue influence on a patient to forgo a self-administered controlled substance for the purpose of ending the patient's life. The bill also grants immunity from civil or criminal liability and professional disciplinary action to any person who complies with the provisions of the bill and allows health care providers to refuse to participate in the provision of a self-administered controlled substance to a patient for the purpose of ending the patient's life.

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## HB 1489 **Naturopathic medicine; establishes licensure requirements for the practice.**

*VAMFA opposes any form of this bill*

Introduced by: [Glenn R. Davis](#)

### SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED:

**Practice of naturopathic medicine.** Establishes licensure requirements for the practice of naturopathic medicine, including educational requirements, examinations, and scope of practice for licensure as a naturopathic doctor, defined

in the bill. The bill requires the Board of Medicine to promulgate regulations governing the profession and establishes the Advisory Board on Naturopathy to make recommendations to the Board of Medicine.

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