

North Dakota Introduces Bill to Terminate Mask Mandate. Tennessee Seeks to Prevent Mask and Vaccine Requirements in Business

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The House of Representatives in North Dakota voted 50-44 to make mandates on wearing face masks illegal after Governor Doug Burgum imposed a mask mandate three months ago. The bill's sponsor, state Representative Jeff Hoverson, called mask mandates "diabolical silliness," characterizing them as a conspiracy run by "unelected, wealthy bureaucrats who are robbing our freedoms and perpetuating lies." The bill also "prohibits making use of a face mask, shield, or covering a condition for entry, education, employment, or services."

Tennessee lawmakers have proposed legislation that would prevent the private sector from discriminating against those who do not wear COVID masks in public places. The legislation would keep stores, restaurants, movie theaters, gyms, and any other form of business from requiring the wearing of masks or requiring proof of vaccination in order to obtain services.

In a recent interview, Dr. Anthony Fauci said that he sees it as entirely possible that everyone will have to keep wearing face coverings throughout the entirety of 2021 and into 2022.

As the Biden Administration and the CDC continue to flip-flop and move the goal posts regarding the use of COVID masks, first claiming they only needed

to be worn for the first 100 days of the Biden presidency, and now claiming they need to be worn for the next year, Tennessee legislators are advancing a bill that would criminalize discrimination against non-mask wearers.

Tennessee lawmakers have crafted and introduced the Medical Non-Discrimination Business and Consumer Act. This bill is designed to prevent the private sector from discriminating against those who do not wear COVID masks in public places.

The legislation is crafted to include non-mask wearing into anti-discrimination and disability laws, bringing mask-wearing in line with laws preventing private businesses from general discrimination, the illegal invasion of medical privacy, and the violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

As written, the bill would prohibit any person and/or business owner from denying an individual the “full and equal enjoyment of goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of a place of public accommodation, resort, or amusement on the grounds of the wearing or use of a medical device, or whether the individual has received medical treatment, such as a vaccine.”

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