

Florida Bill “Banning Vaccine Passports” Actually Allows State To “Use Any Means Necessary to Vaccinate” Citizens

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Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed a bill into law that was allegedly intended to ban vaccine passports in the state by prohibiting private businesses and government entities from asking for proof of a COVID vaccination. The bill was widely supported, but an overlooked section of the bill states that individuals who refuse to be examined, tested, vaccinated or treated may be subjected to quarantine or isolation. The bill further states: “If the individual poses a danger to the public health, the State Health Officer may subject the individual to isolation or quarantine. If there is no practical method to isolate or quarantine the individual, the State Health Officer may use any means necessary to vaccinate or treat the individual.”

The legislature says any order given to police by the State Health Officer (the state’s Surgeon General) that helps force-vaccinate a person is immediately enforceable.

An overlooked section of Florida Senate Bill 2006, put into law by the state legislature and Governor Ron DeSantis on May 3, 2021, allows government officials to forcibly vaccinate citizens.

Ironically, the bill was widely supported as it was allegedly intended to ban vaccine passports in Florida.

"In Florida, your personal choice regarding vaccinations will be protected and no business or government entity will be able to deny you services based on your decision," DeSantis told Floridians.

While the legislature does prohibit private businesses and government entities from asking for proof of a COVID vaccination, it also allows the state to vaccinate citizens "by any means necessary".

Under Section 315 of Chapter 381 of Florida's 'Public Health' statute, Title XXIX, individuals can be subjected to quarantine or isolation if they refuse to be examined, tested, vaccinated or treated during a public health emergency such as COVID-19.

"Examination, testing, vaccination, or treatment may be performed by any qualified person authorized by the State Health Officer," the bill explains.

The bill continues, "If the individual poses a danger to the public health, the State Health Officer may subject the individual to isolation or quarantine. If there is no practical method to isolate or quarantine the individual, the State Health Officer may use any means necessary to vaccinate or treat the individual."

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<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/2006/BillText/er/HTML>