

As Introduced

134th General Assembly

Regular Session

2021-2022

H. B. No. 253

Representative Cutrona

**Cosponsors: Representatives Jordan, Riedel, Johnson, Stein, Zeltwanger, Click,
McClain, Loychik, Bird, Carruthers, Wiggam, Stoltzfus, Young, T., Fowler Arthur,
Lampton, Dean, Powell, Creech**

A BILL

To enact section 3792.02 of the Revised Code 1
regarding proof of COVID-19 vaccinations. 2

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3792.02 of the Revised Code be 3
enacted to read as follows: 4

Sec. 3792.02. (A) As used in this section: 5

(1) "Person" includes an individual, corporation, business 6
trust, estate, trust, partnership, and association. 7

(2) "Political subdivision" means a county, township, 8
municipal corporation, school district, or other body corporate 9
and politic responsible for governmental activities in a 10
geographic area smaller than that of the state. "Political 11
subdivision" also includes a board of health of a city or 12
general health district. 13

(3) "State agency" means any organized agency, board, 14
body, commission, department, institution, office, or other 15
entity established by the laws of the state for the exercise of 16

any function of state government. "State agency" does not 17
include a court. 18

(B) (1) No individual shall be required to show proof of 19
vaccination against COVID-19 in order to enter either of the 20
following: 21

(a) The state; 22

(b) A building or facility controlled, operated, or owned 23
by a state agency. 24

(2) No political subdivision or state agency shall adopt, 25
enact, or issue an order, ordinance, resolution, rule, or other 26
law that requires an individual to show proof of vaccination 27
against COVID-19. 28

(3) For purposes of division (B) of this section, proof of 29
vaccination against COVID-19 may include a digital application 30
available on a smartphone, tablet, or other device that 31
demonstrates that an individual has been vaccinated against 32
COVID-19, including through the use of a scannable code. 33

(C) (1) Information regarding an individual's COVID-19 34
vaccination status is confidential. 35

(2) Except as required by federal law, no person, 36
political subdivision, or state agency that acquires information 37
regarding an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status shall 38
disclose or release the information to another person, political 39
subdivision, or state agency without the individual's written 40
consent. 41