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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; prohibiting the requirement of vaccine passports for COVID-19
1.3 immunization status.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. PROHIBITION ON VACCINE PASSPORTS FOR COVID-19
1.6 VACCINATION.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Government-issued vaccine passport. (a) In order to protect the
1.8 fundamental rights and privacies of Minnesotans and the free flow of commerce within the
1.9 state, no government entity or its subdivisions, agents, or assigns are permitted to issue
1.10 vaccine passports, vaccine passes, or any other standardized documentation for the purpose
1.11 of certifying an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status or post-transmission recovery to
1.12 a third party or otherwise publish or share an individual's COVID-19 vaccination record or
1.13 similar health record.

1.14 (b) For purposes of this section, "vaccine passport" or "vaccine pass" means proof that
1.15 an individual has tested negative for COVID-19, has been protected against COVID-19 by
1.16 receiving a vaccination against COVID-19, or is post-transmission recovery from COVID-19.
1.17 The vaccine passport or vaccine pass may be electronic, digital such as a cellphone app, or
1.18 physical such as a paper card that an individual can access to show the individual's COVID-19
1.19 status.

1.20 Subd. 2. Businesses. (a) In order to protect the fundamental rights and privacies of
1.21 Minnesotans and the free flow of commerce within the state, no entity doing business in
1.22 Minnesota shall require patrons or customers to provide documentation certifying vaccination
1.23 or post-transmission recovery to gain access to, entry upon, or service from the business.

2.1 (b) Businesses that do not comply with the prohibition in this subdivision shall not be
2.2 eligible for grants or contracts financed through state revenue or funds.

2.3 (c) The requirements in this section do not restrict businesses from instituting COVID-19
2.4 screening protocols in accordance with state and federal law to protect the public health.

2.5 Subd. 3. **Access to records.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere with
2.6 an individual's right to access the individual's own personal health information under state
2.7 and federal law.