

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 739

TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE EXEMPTIONS FROM FEDERAL MANDATES AND EMPLOYER MANDATES
RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19); TO AUTHORIZE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS; AND
TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 739

Amend Senate Bill No. 739 as originally introduced:

Add Senators Rice, Flippo as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Representatives M. Gray, Vaught, Crawford, Bentley as cosponsors of the
bill

AND

Page 1, delete lines 12 through 15 and substitute the following:
"MANDATES RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19); TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE EXEMPTIONS FROM
FEDERAL MANDATES AND EMPLOYER MANDATES
RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19);
AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 2, line 16, delete "treatment" and substitute "vaccination or
immunization"

AND



Page 2, line 17, delete "variants, including without limitation a" and substitute "variants"

AND

Page 2, line 18, delete "vaccination or immunization,"

AND

Page 2, line 22, delete "(A)"

AND

Page 2, line 24, delete "." and substitute "; or"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 25 through 27

AND

Page 2, delete lines 28 through 30, and substitute the following:

"(2) Proof of immunity for the virus that causes coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) or its variants, including without limitation the presence of antibodies, T cell response, or proof of a positive coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) or its variants test, on a basis of two (2) times per year, not to exceed one (1) time every six (6) months, from a licensed healthcare provider."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 4 through 10, and substitute the following:

"(3)(A) The cost of the testing shall be covered through any state or federal funding made available, including without limitation coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) relief funds distributed from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2, if the employee's health benefit plan does not provide coverage for the testing.

(B) In the event that the cost of testing under subdivision (c)(3)(A) of this section is not available, the cost of the testing shall be covered by the employee."

AND

Delete SECTION 3 in its entirety

AND

Renumber remaining sections accordingly

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator K. Hammer

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Secretary