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# H. R. 79

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2025

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona (for himself and Mr. CLOUD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Freedom from Man-  
5 dates Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NULLIFICATION OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE ORDERS.**

2 (a) SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR FEDERAL CONTRAC-  
3 TORS.—Executive Order 14042 (86 Fed. Reg. 50985, re-  
4 lating to ensuring adequate COVID–19 safety protocols  
5 for Federal contractors) shall have no force or effect.

6 (b) COVID–19 VACCINE REQUIREMENT.—Executive  
7 Order 14043 (86 Fed. Reg. 50989, relating to requiring  
8 COVID–19 vaccination for Federal employees) shall have  
9 no force or effect.

10 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF RULES MANDATING VACCINA-**  
11 **TION.**

12 The Secretary of Labor may not issue any rule re-  
13 quiring employers to mandate vaccination of employees  
14 against COVID–19 or requiring testing of employees who  
15 are unvaccinated against COVID–19.

16 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON MEDICARE AND MEDICAID**  
17 **COVID–19 VACCINATION MANDATES.**

18 Notwithstanding any provision of title XI, XVIII, or  
19 XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.,  
20 1395 et seq., 1396 et seq.), the Secretary of Health and  
21 Human Services may not require a health care provider,  
22 as a condition of participation in the Medicare or Medicaid  
23 program, to mandate vaccination of employees against  
24 COVID–19 or require testing of employees who are  
25 unvaccinated against COVID–19, and may not otherwise

- 1 penalize such a provider for such provider's failure to so
- 2 mandate such vaccination or so require such testing.

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