



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 23

January 29, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives THIESFELDT, HORLACHER, BROOKS and SCHRAA, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE, FELZKOWSKI, KAPENGA, MARKLEIN, PETROWSKI, WANGGAARD, WIMBERGER, STROEBEL, BERNIER, STAFSHOLT, NASS, BALLWEG and BRADLEY. Referred to Committee on Constitution and Ethics.

1     **AN ACT to create** 252.02 (5m) and 252.03 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2             prohibiting certain government officials from mandating vaccination against  
3             the 2019 novel coronavirus.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

The bill prohibits the Department of Health Services and local health officers from requiring individuals to receive a vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, which causes COVID-19. Under current law, during a state of emergency related to public health declared by the governor, DHS may order any individual to receive a vaccination, except under certain medical circumstances or if the individual objects for religious or conscience reasons, and may isolate or quarantine an individual who is unwilling or unable to be vaccinated.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

4             **SECTION 1.** 252.02 (5m) of the statutes is created to read:  
5             252.02 (**5m**) Notwithstanding sub. (6) and s. 252.041, the department may not  
6             require individuals to receive a vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, which  
7             causes COVID-19.

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**SECTION 2**

1           **SECTION 2.** 252.03 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

2           252.03 (**2m**) Notwithstanding sub. (2), a local health officer may not require  
3 individuals to receive a vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, which causes  
4 COVID-19.

5   **(END)**