

OPPOSE [HB 1771 Frankel](#) requires medical visit to obtain a religious vaccine exemption.

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HB1771 is an assault on the religious freedom upon which Pennsylvania was founded.

The bill requires parents to find a health care practitioner who is authorized to administer vaccines to see ALL children over 6 years old EVERY YEAR and obtain their signature on a state form BEFORE they can use a religious exemption.

This bill applies to homeschoolers and members of ALL religious faiths - no exceptions.

Many families are unable to be seen by medical practices as a growing number of them refuse to see patients who do not fully vaccinate according to the [CDC schedule](#) of **69 doses of 16 different** vaccines by age 18. **This leaves families with NO option to use the religious exemption.**

This bill forces families into paying for an unwanted medical appointment where the medical practitioner is required to question parental decision making. This is state overreach at its worst.

This bill is an assault on religious freedom and **a step toward removing all [religious and moral/ethical](#) exemptions.** Other states have followed this legislative playbook to make exemptions harder to use before taking them away completely.

Section 3 of the [PA Constitution](#), says in part, **“Religious freedom: All men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences; ... no human authority can, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience,....”**

The [U.S. Vaccine Market](#) was \$36.45 Billion in 2018, and expected to reach \$50.42 billion by 2023. The pharmaceutical industry benefits from forced use.

Over [260 vaccines](#) are in development and the pharmaceutical industry has near unlimited resources to lobby and influence policy to remove parental rights to delay or decline a vaccine.

Vaccines, like other pharmaceutical products, **can cause injury and death** in some people, and come with contraindications for others. The United States Government has paid out more than [\\$4.2 billion](#) through the federal [Vaccine Injury Compensation Program](#) for injuries and deaths following vaccination.

Proceeding with this bill would make it possible for amendments to be added to the bill which **could completely remove the current exemptions.** This bill should DIE in committee.

Pennsylvanians expect their state government to respect their inherent rights to live out their beliefs by opposing any proposed legislation which interferes with their ability to refuse vaccines for religious or moral/ethical reasons.