

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation protects an employee's medical privacy. An employee does not have to disclose medical information to an employer unless the requested information is identified at or around the time of hire and said information is necessary to determine if the prospective employee can perform the essential functions of the job for which they are being considered.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no fiscal impact to state or local governments if this legislation passes because it does not create or expand any programs and does not require the expenditure of any funds.

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LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO



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IN THE _____

BILL NO. _____

BY _____

AN ACT

RELATING TO EMPLOYEE PERSONAL MEDICAL INFORMATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE 44, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 44-204, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIMITED DISCLOSURE OF AN EMPLOYEE'S PERSONAL MEDICAL INFORMATION; AMENDING THE HEADING FOR CHAPTER 2, TITLE 44, IDAHO CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 2, Title 44, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 44-204, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

44-204. PERSONAL MEDICAL INFORMATION OF EMPLOYEES. (1) An employee has a right to confidentiality and privacy concerning his personal medical information. No employee shall be required to disclose personal medical information to his employer unless:

(a) The information is necessary for the employer to determine whether the employee can perform the essential requirements of his position; and

(b) At the time of or immediately before the hiring of the employee, the employer identifies the specific personal medical information to be disclosed and the employee agrees to the release of such personal medical information.

(2) For purposes of this section, "personal medical information" means any information related to or revealing specifics or details of an individual's medical or dental condition, diagnosis, treatment, operation, procedure, medication, immunization, genetic modulation, inoculation, or any other similar or related information. "Personal medical information" does not include employer drug or alcohol testing results.

SECTION 2. That the Heading for Chapter 2, Title 44, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND DUTIES ~~EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS~~

SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.