AN ACT relating to SARS-CoV-2 documentation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 61 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(I) As used in this section:

(a) "Governmental body" has the same meaning as in KRS 45A.030(17); and

(b) "Vaccine passport" means documentation that an individual has been vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2.

(2) No governmental body may require persons to provide vaccine passports to gain access to, entry upon, or service from the governmental body's operations in this state. This subsection shall not restrict governmental bodies from instituting screening protocols consistent with controlling government-issued guidance to protect public health.

SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(I) As used in this section, "vaccine passport" means documentation that an individual has been vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2.

(2) No school district or independent school district may require students or employees to provide a vaccine passport to gain access to, entry upon, or service from any school property in this state. This subsection shall not restrict school districts or independent school districts from instituting screening protocols consistent with controlling government-issued guidance to protect public health.

SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(I) As used in this section:

(a) "Board" means boards of regents, governing boards, and governing bodies of independent institutions; and
(b) "Vaccine passport" means documentation that an individual has been vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2.

(2) No board may require students, residents, or employees to provide a vaccine passport to gain access to, entry upon, or service from any property governed by a board in this state. This subsection shall not restrict boards from instituting screening protocols consistent with controlling government-issued guidance to protect public health.

SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 214 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Business entity" has the same meaning as "entity" in KRS 271B.1-400;

and

(b) "Vaccine passport" means documentation that an individual has been vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2.

(2) No business entity may require patrons or customers to provide a vaccine passport to gain access to, entry upon, or service from operations of the business entity in this state. This subsection shall not restrict business entities from instituting screening protocols consistent with controlling government-issued guidance to protect public health.

(3) This section does not apply to hospitals, doctors, nurses, physicians assistants, nurse practitioners, other health care providers, or health entities licensed by the cabinet.

SECTION 5. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 214 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services may impose a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars ($5,000) per violation of Section 1, 2, 3, or 4 of this Act.