

**House File 850 - Introduced**

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BY MASCHER

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the elimination of the exemption from  
2 immunization of a person related to conflicts with the  
3 tenets and practices of a recognized religious denomination.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 139A.8, subsection 4, Code 2021, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. a. Immunization is not required for a person's  
4 enrollment in any elementary or secondary school or licensed  
5 child care center if ~~either of the following applies:~~

6 ~~(1) The the applicant, or if the applicant is a minor, the~~  
7 ~~applicant's parent or legal guardian, submits to the admitting~~  
8 ~~official a statement signed by a physician, advanced registered~~  
9 ~~nurse practitioner, or physician assistant who is licensed by~~  
10 ~~the board of medicine, board of nursing, or board of physician~~  
11 ~~assistants that the immunizations required would be injurious~~  
12 ~~to the health and well-being of the applicant or any member of~~  
13 ~~the applicant's family.~~

14 ~~(2) The applicant, or if the applicant is a minor, the~~  
15 ~~applicant's parent or legal guardian, submits an affidavit~~  
16 ~~signed by the applicant, or if the applicant is a minor,~~  
17 ~~the applicant's parent or legal guardian, stating that the~~  
18 ~~immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of a~~  
19 ~~recognized religious denomination of which the applicant is an~~  
20 ~~adherent or member.~~

21 b. The ~~exemptions~~ exemption under this subsection ~~do~~ does  
22 not apply in times of emergency or epidemic as determined by  
23 the state board of health and as declared by the director of  
24 public health.

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#### EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill eliminates the exemption from required  
29 immunization for a person's enrollment in any elementary  
30 or secondary school or licensed child care center relating  
31 to conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized  
32 religious denomination of which the applicant is an adherent  
33 or member.