

SENATE BILL NO. 711

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health

on February 10, 2022)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Chase)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 54.1-2963.3, 54.1-3005.2, and 54.1-3303.2, relating to treatment of COVID-19.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 54.1-2963.3, 54.1-3005.2, and 54.1-3303.2 as follows:

§ 54.1-2963.3. Treatment of COVID-19.

The Board shall not threaten, deny, revoke, suspend, or otherwise take investigatory, administrative, or disciplinary action against a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner on the basis of any of the following:

1. Prescribing to a patient for prevention of or treatment therapy for COVID-19, for use in the patient's home or in any health care facility, any or all of the following:

a. Hydroxychloroquine;

b. Chloroquine;

c. Azithromycin;

d. Ivermectin;

e. Methylprednisolone;

f. Prednisone;

g. Naltrexone;

h. Ascorbic acid;

i. Thiamine;

j. Budesonide;

- 27 k. Nitazoxanide;
- 28 l. Colchicine;
- 29 m. Fluvoxamine;
- 30 n. Cyproheptadine;
- 31 o. Spironolactone;
- 32 p. Dutasteride;
- 33 q. Flutamide;
- 34 r. Famotidine;
- 35 s. Heparin;
- 36 t. Atorvastatin;
- 37 u. N-Acetyl-L-Cysteine;
- 38 v. Vitamin D;
- 39 w. Zinc;
- 40 x. Aspirin; or
- 41 y. Melatonin.

42 2. Administering to a patient for prevention of or treatment therapy for COVID-19, for use in the
43 patient's home or in any health care facility, any of the medications or supplements listed in subdivision
44 1.

45 3. Providing medical exemptions to patients who are unable to wear a mask, undergo a test for
46 COVID-19, or receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

47 4. Treating patients who for religious, medical, or philosophical reasons are unable to wear a mask,
48 undergo a test for COVID-19, or receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

49 5. Documenting and reporting COVID-19 vaccine injury.

50 6. Discussing with or informing a patient, a family member, or the public about prevention of or
51 treatment therapy for COVID-19 or advocating for, in any setting, the use of any or all of the medications
52 or supplements listed in subdivision 1.

53 **§ 54.1-3005.2. Treatment of COVID-19.**

54 The Board shall not threaten, deny, revoke, suspend, or otherwise take investigatory,
55 administrative, or disciplinary action against a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse on the basis of
56 any of the following:

57 1. Administering to a patient a prescription for prevention of or treatment therapy for COVID-19,
58 for use in the patient's home or in any health care facility, any or all of the following:

- 59 a. Hydroxychloroquine;
- 60 b. Chloroquine;
- 61 c. Azithromycin;
- 62 d. Ivermectin;
- 63 e. Methylprednisolone;
- 64 f. Prednisone;
- 65 g. Naltrexone;
- 66 h. Ascorbic acid;
- 67 i. Thiamine;
- 68 j. Budesonide;
- 69 k. Nitazoxanide;
- 70 l. Colchicine;
- 71 m. Fluvoxamine;
- 72 n. Cyproheptadine;
- 73 o. Spironolactone;
- 74 p. Dutasteride;
- 75 q. Flutamide;
- 76 r. Famotidine;
- 77 s. Heparin;
- 78 t. Atorvastatin;
- 79 u. N-Acetyl-L-Cysteine;
- 80 v. Vitamin D;

81 w. Zinc;

82 x. Aspirin; or

83 y. Melatonin.

84 2. Documenting and reporting COVID-19 vaccine injury.

85 3. Discussing with or informing a patient, a family member, or the public about prevention of or

86 treatment therapy for COVID-19 or advocating for, in any setting, the use of any or all of the medications

87 or supplements listed in subdivision 1.

88 **§ 54.1-3303.2. Treatment of COVID-19.**

89 The Board shall not threaten, deny, revoke, suspend, or otherwise take investigatory,

90 administrative, or disciplinary action against a pharmacist on the basis of any of the following:

91 1. Filling a prescription for prevention of or treatment therapy for COVID-19, for use in the

92 patient's home or in any health care facility, any or all of the following:

93 a. Hydroxychloroquine;

94 b. Chloroquine;

95 c. Azithromycin;

96 d. Ivermectin;

97 e. Methylprednisolone;

98 f. Prednisone;

99 g. Naltrexone;

100 h. Ascorbic acid;

101 i. Thiamine;

102 j. Budesonide;

103 k. Nitazoxanide;

104 l. Colchicine;

105 m. Fluvoxamine;

106 n. Cyproheptadine;

107 o. Spironolactone;

