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1 AN ACT Relating to recognizing the lasting immune protection
2 resulting from recovery from COVID-19; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 70.54 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that the immune protection gained from
8 a prior COVID-19 infection is at least as protective against COVID-19
9 as a COVID-19 vaccine. It is therefore declared to be the policy of
10 the state that there is no rational basis to treat individuals who
11 have had a previous COVID-19 infection differently from individuals
12 who have received a COVID-19 vaccine.

13 (2) Any statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or practice
14 by a public entity, private business, or place of public
15 accommodation that is inconsistent with subsection (1) of this
16 section is hereby declared null and void.

17 (3) The state of Washington fully occupies and preempts the
18 entire field of requirements related to the protections in
19 subsections (1) and (2) of this section. Political subdivisions of
20 the state may enact only those laws, ordinances, and regulations that
21 are consistent with this section. Local laws, ordinances, and

1 regulations that are inconsistent with the requirements of this
2 section may not be enacted and are preempted and repealed, regardless
3 of the nature of the code, charter, or home rule status of the
4 political subdivision.

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