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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Clay J. Schexnayder
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
Post Office Box 94062
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9062

RE: Veto of House Bill 349 of the 2021 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Schexnayder:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 349 of the 2021 Regular Session.

This bill is one of three bills passed by the legislature involving COVID-19 vaccines. I am vetoing this bill for many of the same reasons that I vetoed House Bill 498. These bills contribute to the false narrative that the COVID-19 vaccines are anything other than safe and incredibly effective. House Bill 349 is not necessary and does nothing to protect the health and safety of the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards
Governor

cc: Honorable Patrick Page Cortez
Louisiana Senate President

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 349

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONSTON, AMEDEE, BUTLER, CARRIER, CORMIER, CREWS, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FARNUM, FONTENOT, GAROFALO, HODGES, HORTON, IVEY, MACK, MCCORMICK, MIGUEZ, CHARLES OWEN, SEABAUGH, TARVER, AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:411.2 and R.S. 40:1321(N)(3) and (4), relative to the issuance, renewal, or revocation of a driver's license or special identification card; to prohibit the use of vaccination verification or immunity status for the issuance, renewal, or revocation of a state-issued driver's license or special identification card; to prohibit the inclusion of vaccination verification or immunity status on a state-issued driver's license or special identification card; and to provide for related matters.

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Michelle D. Leland
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:411.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§411.2. Prohibition against the inclusion of vaccination verification or immunity status on driver's licenses

A. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, is prohibited from making the issuance, renewal, or revocation of a state-issued driver's license contingent on vaccination verification or immunity status.

B. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall not include any vaccination verification or immunity status on a state-issued driver's license.

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Section 2. R.S. 40:1321(N)(3) and (4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1321. Special identification cards; issuance; veteran designation; disabled veteran designation; university logo; "I'm a Cajun" designation; needs accommodation designation; fees; expiration and renewal; exceptions;

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prohibitions; promulgation of rules; promotion of use; persons less than
twenty-one years of age; the Protect and Save our Children Program;
Selective Service Registration

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(3) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
vehicles, is prohibited from making the issuance, renewal, or revocation of a state-
issued special identification card contingent on vaccination verification or immunity
status.

(4) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
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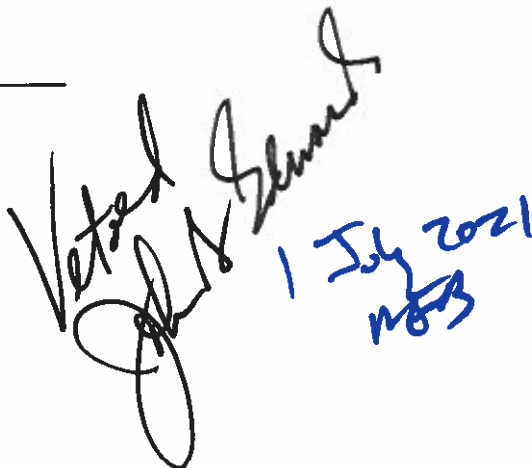
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____


Vetoed
1 July 2021
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