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Liberty Counsel Warns Idaho's "Medical Freedom Act" Contains Serious Loopholes

District 8 Candidate Sean Hall Calls on Voters to Demand Answers From Incumbents

Boise, Idaho — May 12, 2026 — Republican candidate for Idaho House District 8 Sean Hall is raising serious concerns over Idaho's so-called "Medical Freedom Act" (SB 1210), following a warning from Liberty Counsel that a key provision in the law may leave the door open for future COVID-style mandates.

Liberty Counsel, a national Christian legal organization focused on religious freedom, the sanctity of human life, and constitutional rights that has won 38 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, reviewed the statute and raised concerns about subsection 73-503(9). Its Founder and Chairman, Mathew D. Staver, stated:

"After reviewing subsection 73-503(9) of Idaho's Medical Freedom Act, it seems the last sentence means the exemption does not apply to COVID shots. If that is the case, this bill should be opposed."

Hall said the warning confirms what many Idahoans already suspected — that the law does not deliver the protections voters were led to believe it would provide.

"This bill was sold to Idahoans as protection for bodily autonomy. It is not," Hall said. "It leaves major loopholes tied to federal law, strips citizens of meaningful legal recourse, and preserves institutional authority over medical decisions. Calling this the 'Medical Freedom Act' patronizes the people of Idaho."

"Our rights are inherent and self-evident. They do not come from the government — they come from our Creator," Hall said. "Among those rights is bodily autonomy. No government, employer, institution, or federal agency has the right to coerce citizens into medical treatment. These rights are non-negotiable. Yet this bill appears to hand that authority back to the federal government through broad exemptions and loopholes. After everything Idaho families witnessed during COVID, voters should be asking why this law failed to establish real protections."

Hall also criticized Rep. Rob Beiswenger, who has repeatedly referred to the legislation as "his bill" while failing to address what **Liberty Counsel and Hall** describe as serious loopholes within the law. "This is not honest representation," Hall said. "If legislators are going to market something as medical freedom, then it should actually protect bodily autonomy."

Even more telling, Hall noted, is that **during COVID, all five of Idaho's largest employers mandated the COVID vaccine** — the exact type of coercion the Medical Freedom Act was supposed to stop, yet failed to prevent due to its broad exemptions and loopholes.

With current fears of Hantavirus, the need for real protections is urgent. “Idaho lawmakers should be preparing now for future public health emergencies by establishing clear protections for individual rights — not passing symbolic legislation filled with loopholes,” Hall said.

“Idaho families lived through the damage of mandates and coerced medical interventions,” Hall said. “People deserve laws that protect citizens — not laws filled with loopholes that protect institutions.”

Hall is also releasing a companion document titled “**Freedom in Name Only: The 10 Biggest Loopholes in Idaho’s Medical Freedom Act,**” outlining the law’s weaknesses with statutory references.

“Every voter should be asking incumbents a simple question,” Hall said. “After the abuses we witnessed during COVID, why did this law fail to provide real protections for the people of Idaho?”

About Sean Hall

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Freedom in Name Only:

The 10 Biggest Loopholes in Idaho's Medical Freedom Act

The Idaho Medical Freedom Act (SB 1210, effective July 1, 2025; Idaho Code Title 73, Chapter 5) claims to protect bodily autonomy — but these structural weaknesses leave Idahoans exposed:

1. Q: Does the Act override federal vaccine mandates?

A: The “unless required by federal law” exception hands your bodily autonomy straight to Washington — Idaho is saying DC still owns your body on anything OSHA, CMS, or CDC touches.

2. Q: Are there criminal penalties for forcing medical interventions?

A: No criminal penalties whatsoever — even blatant, repeated coercion (firing you, excluding your kid, pressuring patients) gets only a civil injunction at best. Violators face zero fines to the victim, no jail time, and almost no real deterrence.

3. Q: Can I personally sue if I lose my job for refusing a vaccine?

A: You can't sue if you lose your job for refusing the job — only the AG or prosecutor can act, and if they don't, you're legally hosed with zero private right of action.

4. Q: Can hospitals still require staff vaccinations?

A: Medicare and Medicaid-funded hospitals and clinics can still fire you for refusing a vaccine — the Act's single largest employer loophole.

5. Q: Are healthcare students and workers protected?

A: Healthcare students and workers can still be booted from clinical rotations or denied licensure for refusing vaccines — third-party hospital and board requirements are untouched.

6. Q: Will victims receive compensation or damages?

A: No back pay, damages, reinstatement, or compensation if you're discriminated against — the Act gives violators a free pass until the state (maybe) steps in.

7. Q: Who actually enforces the Medical Freedom Act?

A: Enforcement depends entirely on whoever is Attorney General or county prosecutor — the next one can simply stop enforcing the entire Medical Freedom Act.

8. Q: Can employers offer vaccine incentives or bonuses?

A: One-time job bribes and “voluntary” incentives are 100% legal under the Act, even when they feel like coercion.

9. Q: Can employers still mandate masks, tests, or flu shots?

A: The vague “traditional PPE” exemption lets employers and hospitals keep forcing masks, tests, and flu shots while dodging the ban.

10. Q: What about existing school and daycare vaccine requirements?

A: Existing school and daycare immunization requirements remain fully in force via explicit carve-outs (Idaho Code §§ 39-4801–4804) — your kids can still be excluded for refusing state-mandated shots.

BOTTOM LINE: True bodily autonomy requires private right of action, damages, criminal penalties, and no federal carve-outs. The Idaho Medical Freedom Act delivers none of these.

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