

March 6, 2003

H 273. ADVERSE REACTIONS TO SMALLPOX VACCINATION (=S 153). *TO ENSURE THAT STATE EMPLOYEES WHO VOLUNTEER FOR VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX INCIDENT TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF SMALLPOX COUNTERMEASURES BY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS UNDER SECTION 304 OF THE FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002 AND ANY FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING IN THE HOMES OF THESE VACCINATED EMPLOYEES WILL BE ABLE TO RECOVER FOR ANY ADVERSE MEDICAL REACTIONS DUE TO THE VACCINATION.* Identical to S 153, introduced 2/24/03.

Intro. by Glazier.

Ref. to Judiciary IV

GS 97, 135, 126, 143

April 2, 2003

H 273. ADVERSE REACTIONS TO SMALLPOX VACCINATION. Intro. 3/6/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes changes throughout the bill to change the operative circumstance to “receives in employment” the smallpox vaccination (was, “voluntarily receives in employment”), and to provide coverage for a person who is “permanently or temporarily living in the home” of an employee who is vaccinated (was, “family member living in the home”). Establishes limitations on the number of hours of leave that will not be counted against sick leave, and authorizes the employer to require certification from a health care provider justifying the need for the leave after the first 24 hours. Extends sick leave grace provisions to those in the household who suffer adverse reaction or who must care for the vaccinated person who suffers the adverse reaction. Adds new provisions requiring cities and counties that employ public safety first responders, within 90 days after the enactment of the law, to enact policies regarding sick leave and salary continuation for employees for absences due to adverse reactions from vaccinations received in employment. If the federal government provides compensation and benefits for reactions to the vaccination, the state will require employees to seek compensation and benefits under the federal provisions before seeking recovery under the state act. Effective when it becomes law, and applies to infections or adverse reactions that occurred before, on, or after that date.

May 22, 2003

H 273. ADVERSE REACTIONS TO SMALLPOX VACCINATION. Intro. 3/6/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Makes technical changes only.