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# S. 2842

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Respecting Our Ser-  
5 vicemembers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIRE-**  
2 **MENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
3 **FORCES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United  
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1110b  
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 1110c. Prohibition on COVID-19 vaccination re-**  
8 **quirement**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may  
10 not require any member of an Armed Force to receive a  
11 vaccine with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019  
12 (COVID-19).

13 “(b) MEMBER OF AN ARMED FORCE DEFINED.—In  
14 this section the term ‘member of an Armed Force’ means  
15 a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps,  
16 Coast Guard, or Space Force, including any member of  
17 a reserve component thereof on active service or active sta-  
18 tus.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
20 at the beginning of chapter 55 of such title is amended  
21 by inserting after the item relating to section 1110b the  
22 following new item:

“1110c. Prohibition on COVID-19 vaccination requirement.”.

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