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BREAKING: Representative Bruce Borders Introduces HB 1426 to Strengthen Accountability for Liability Shield Products

[Indianapolis, Indiana] — In a landmark move for public health and transparency, Indiana Representative Bruce Borders (Republican, House District 45) has introduced **HB 1426**, a bill that seeks to enhance safety measures and accountability for products protected under federal liability shields. Products with liability shields are protected from being sued by those who are injured by their products despite the lack of inert placebo testing. This bold legislation was crafted at the request of **Hoosiers for Medical Liberty**, reflecting their unwavering commitment to protecting individual rights and ensuring informed decisions.

HB 1426 addresses long-standing concerns about the lack of transparency and rigorous testing for liability shield products, such as certain pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and other technologies. The legislation sets forth clear standards to prioritize safety and informed decision-making for all Indiana residents.

Key Provisions of HB 1426:

1. **Mandatory Placebo-Controlled Studies:** Liability shield products must undergo a minimum five-year placebo-controlled study to assess critical safety metrics, including allergenicity, carcinogenicity, fertility impacts, immunogenicity, and mutagenicity.
2. **Public Access to Safety Data:** Results from these studies will be made fully accessible to patients, healthcare providers, and state agencies, ensuring transparency.
3. **Robust Monitoring and Reporting:** The Indiana Department of Health will actively track and publish adverse outcomes through enhanced surveillance measures.
4. **Annual Compliance Reporting:** Manufacturers of liability shield products must submit detailed compliance reports confirming adherence to safety standards.
5. **Protection of Individual Rights:** Ensures every Hoosier's right to refuse liability shield products without fear of coercion or retaliation.
6. **Legal Enforcement:** Empowers the Attorney General and private citizens to take action against violations, with provisions for injunctive relief, damages, and penalties.

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“For too long, Hoosiers have had to make health decisions about liability-shielded products in the dark, without access to the full picture. The manufacturers of these products are protected from lawsuits when they hurt people and aren’t even required to test against an inert placebo or for problems like cancer or infertility. HB 1426 ensures this necessary information is available and empowers Hoosier families to make informed decisions about what goes into their body,” said Ashley Grogg MSN-RN, founder of Hoosiers for Medical Liberty. “HB 1426 puts Indiana on the map as a leader in medical accountability and restoring trust in public health.”

When passed, this bill will be a victory for families, healthcare professionals, and advocates who have long sought greater oversight of liability shielded products. It sends a clear message: public safety and informed decisions come first.

Call to Action:

Hoosiers for Medical Liberty urges you to contact Representative Bruce Borders to thank him for authoring this critical legislation. Additionally, we encourage everyone to reach out to their own Indiana legislators and urge them to vote in favor of HB 1426.

Take Action Today:

If you don’t know how to contact your Indiana legislators, learn how by texting **260-286-0988** the word **FIND**. By texting, you are opting to receive updates from Hoosiers for Medical Liberty. Message and data rates may apply.

About Hoosiers for Medical Liberty:

Hoosiers for Medical Liberty is dedicated to empowering Indiana residents with knowledge, resources, and advocacy to protect medical freedom and promote informed decision-making.

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