

BECAUSE--IMMUNIZATION--CONFLICTS--WITH--(MY)--(OUR)
BONA-FIDE--RELIGIOUS-BELIEFS--AND-PRACTICES-

SIGNATURE-OF-PARENT(S)-OR-LEGAL-GUARDIAN(S)

(2) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL
ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS UNDER THIS
SUBSECTION.

Article - Health - General

18-403.

(A) Unless the Secretary declares an emergency or disease epidemic, an individual may not be required to be immunized, if the individual objects[, in writing,] to immunization because [immunization is against the] IT CONFLICTS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL'S, OR IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS A MINOR, THE INDIVIDUAL'S PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S BONA FIDE religious beliefs and practices [of a recognized church or religious denomination to which the individual belongs].

(B)--A--REQUEST--FOR--AN-EXEMPTION-SHALL-BE-SUPPORTED-BY-THE
FOLLOWING-SWORN-AFFIDAVIT-

AFFIDAVIT-OF-RELIGIOUS-BELIEF

1. -- I--HEREBY--(SWEAR)--(AFFIRM)--THAT--I--SUBSCRIBE--TO--A BELIEF--IN-A-RELATION-TO-A-SUPREME-BEING-INVOLVING DUTIES-SUPERIOR-TO-THOSE-ARISING--FROM--ANY--HUMAN RELATION-
2. -- I--FURTHER--(SWEAR)--(AFFIRM)--THAT--MY--BELIEF-IS SINCERE-AND-MEANINGFUL-AND-OCCUPIES-A-PLACE-IN-MY LIFE--PARALLEL--TO--THAT--FILED--BY--THE-ORTHODOX BELIEF-IN-GOD-
3. -- THIS-BELIEF-IS-NOT-A-POLITICAL,--SOCIOLOGICAL,--OR PHILOSOPHICAL--VIEW--OF--A--MERELY--PERSONAL-MORAL CODE-
4. -- THIS-BELIEF-CAUSES-ME-TO-REQUEST-AN-EXEMPTION-FROM THE--MANDATORY---IMMUNIZATION---PROGRAM,---BECAUSE IMMUNIZATION--CONFLICTS--WITH--(MY)--(OUR)--BONA-FIDE RELIGIOUS-BELIEFS-AND-PRACTICES-

SIGNATURE

(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS UNDER THIS SECTION.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY
JANUARY 1, 1985, THE NUMBER OF EXEMPTIONS GRANTED AND THE