AN ACT
RELATING TO WORKER'S COMPENSATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 72, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 72-452, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT COVID-19 VACCINATION-RELATED ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES SHALL BE COMPENSABLE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 4, Title 72, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 72-452, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

72-452. COVID-19 VACCINATION-RELATED ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES. (1) When an employer requires an employee to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in the course of employment or as a condition of hiring or continued employment, any accident or injury caused by such vaccination shall be compensable.

(2) The provisions of this title shall be construed in the light most favorable to an employee with respect to a claim for compensation for any accident or injury caused by a COVID-19 vaccination received in the course of employment or as a condition of hiring or continued employment.

(3) For purposes of this section, "COVID-19 vaccination" means the administration of a vaccine that is licensed under section 351 of the public health service act, 42 U.S.C. 262, or authorized for emergency use under section 564 of the federal food, drug, and cosmetic act, 21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3, for COVID-19.

SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.