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The bill provides that on any directives made in response to an emergency relating to outbreaks or potential outbreaks or epidemics of a contagious, infectious, or communicable disease individuals retain the right to be free and independent and maintain their inalienable and fundamental right of self-determination to make their own health decisions including, the right to refuse health-related countermeasures including medical treatments, examinations, vaccinations, mask wearing, involuntary sharing of personal or medical data or other recommended measure to distance from other humans and animals. An individual who has been requested by a governmental official to do a certain health-related countermeasure may decline to comply with such countermeasure.

Any individual who has declined to comply with a countermeasure may be required to participate in isolation or quarantine if such individual is infected or reasonably believed to be infected with a communicable disease and such isolation or quarantine shall be completed in the least restrictive way possible and shall include reasonable notice and due process. Any treatment required shall be by choice of the individual needing treatment. Any individual in isolation or quarantine shall retain custody and control of any minor child of such individual.

A health care provider directed by a government entity to inform an individual of an order of participation in a countermeasure shall explain such countermeasure to said individual and if the individual declines to comply the health care provider should get a signature of acknowledgment of receipt of such notification.