Argentina Creates Mandatory Vaccination Law For Passport, ID, Driver's License, School & More

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In order to renew the DNI, passport and registration, the complete vaccination card must be presented.

The Senate approved on Wednesday a law that establishes the obligatory nature and free of vaccination against preventable diseases for all the inhabitants of the country, and stipulates that the complete vaccination card will be required at the time of processing the DNI, passport and driving record, among others.

The project was promoted by the Tucuman deputy Pablo Yedlin (Front Justicialista by Tucumán), and will replace the law 22,909, which is in force since 1983. So far, the mandatory vaccination applies only to children and the new project will be made extensive also to adults. The gratuity of the vaccines, in as much, happened in fact, but from now on it will be protected by law.

According to the text itself, it will be the Executive, through the Ministry of Health of the Nation, which must regulate in a term of 120 days the fine print of the norm for its specific application.

"It's a law of much consensus, not only was it unanimous in both houses, but it had the support of all the scientific societies, and it puts Argentina at the height of its vaccination schedule, which is very generous," Yedlin said. dialogue with LA NACION.

Requirement for the DNI

The legislator also explained one of the points of the project that generated more controversy. Until now, proof of vaccination was a requirement to enroll in schools. But Article 9 of the new law states that "the certification of compliance with the National Vaccination Calendar must be required" also at the time of processing the ID, passport or driver's license.

"It will not interrupt the processing of any document," said Yedlin and explained that in case of not presenting the full schedule of vaccinations, the person will be "notified" as well as the local health authority, to get in contact and "offer the necessary vaccines".

"They are control points," the Tucuman insisted. "It's not that you will not be able to sign up for the faculty if you do not have the Hepatitis B vaccine, but the university has the right to send you to vaccinate because it's mandatory that you have it."

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