

Polish lawmakers approve more talks on banning vaccinations

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Lawmakers from Poland's conservative ruling party have approved further parliamentary discussion over a controversial plan to abolish compulsory vaccinations for children, including those against serious

diseases such as polio, measles, tuberculosis, rubella and whooping cough.

A civic group that proposed the plan argues that the vaccinations can be hazardous to [small children](#) and insists that parents should be allowed to refuse it.

The vaccinations are currently compulsory in Poland and the Health Ministry has warned that abolishing them would pose a threat to the health of individuals as well as the whole community.

Parliament's lower house voted 252-158 with two abstentions Thursday to send the issue to parliamentary groups for further discussion.

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