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Substitute Senate Bill No. 460

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HANDLEY of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES BY LICENSED PHARMACISTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-633 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 (a) [On and after October 1, 2005, any] Any person licensed as a
4 pharmacist under part II of this chapter may administer [influenza
5 vaccine] vaccines to an adult, provided the administration is
6 conducted pursuant to the order of a licensed health care provider and
7 in accordance with the regulations established pursuant to subsection
8 (b) of this section.

9 (b) Not later than [September 1, 2005] October 1, 2009, the
10 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with the
11 Commissioner of Public Health and the Commission of Pharmacy,
12 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement
13 the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall (1) require any

14 pharmacist who administers [influenza vaccine] vaccines to an adult
 15 pursuant to this section to successfully complete an immunization
 16 training program for pharmacists; (2) define the basic requirements of
 17 such training program, which shall include training and instruction in
 18 pre-administration education and screening, vaccine storage and
 19 handling, subcutaneous and intramuscular injections, recordkeeping,
 20 vaccine safety, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, basic cardiac life
 21 support and adverse event reporting; (3) identify qualifying training
 22 programs, which are accredited by the National Centers for Disease
 23 Control Prevention, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
 24 or other appropriate national accrediting body; and (4) establish a
 25 system of control and reporting.

26 (c) For purposes of this section, "adult" means an individual who
 27 has attained the age of eighteen years.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	20-633

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The Department of Consumer Protection can develop the regulations required in the bill with existing staff and resources.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 460*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES BY LICENSED PHARMACISTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the authority of pharmacists by allowing them to administer vaccines, not just flu vaccine, to individuals at least 18 years old. As with current law, the vaccine must be administered according to an order of a licensed health care provider and according to Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) regulations. By October 1, 2009, DCP, in consultation with the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Commission of Pharmacy, must adopt regulations reflecting this expanded authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

BACKGROUND***Required Regulations***

Existing law required DCP, in consultation with DPH and the Pharmacy Commission, to adopt regulations by September 1, 2005:

1. requiring pharmacists who administer influenza vaccine to successfully complete a training program;
2. defining the basic components of the training program, including training and instruction in pre-administration education and screening, vaccine storage and handling, subcutaneous and intramuscular injections, recordkeeping, vaccine safety, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, basic cardiac life support, and adverse event reporting;
3. identifying qualifying training programs accredited by the

National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, or other appropriate accrediting body; and

4. establishing a control and reporting system.

Regulations were adopted and can be found at DPH Regs. §§ 20-633-1 to-5.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/07/2008)