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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
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SB 371, An Act Concerning The Administration Of Injectable Vaccines To Adults In Pharmacies

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 371, An Act Concerning The Administration Of Injectable Vaccines To Adults In Pharmacies.**

SB 371 authorizes pharmacists to administer to adults vaccines that are listed on the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's adult immunization schedule. CHA supports increased access to vaccines.

If the Committee intends to take action on SB 371, CHA respectfully requests that it amend the bill to clarify that subdivision (b) of subsection (a) applies to retail pharmacies and not institutional pharmacies. Otherwise, the bill would require hospital pharmacists to give vaccines in the institutional pharmacy as opposed to the patient room or other care setting.

To accomplish clarification, CHA respectfully requests SB 371 be amended by inserting "retail" before "pharmacy" in subdivision (b) of subsection (a).

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.