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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sSB 371**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF INJECTABLE VACCINES TO ADULTS IN PHARMACIES.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the authority of licensed pharmacists to administer vaccines to adults. Under current law, pharmacists may administer federally approved vaccines to prevent (1) flu, (2) invasive pneumococcal disease (pneumonia), and (3) herpes zoster (shingles). The bill instead allows them to administer any federally approved vaccine that is listed on the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Adult Immunization Schedule.

As under current law, pharmacists must administer these vaccines according to a licensed health care provider's order and Department of Consumer Protection regulations. By law, these regulations must require that pharmacists administering flu, pneumonia, or shingles vaccines complete an immunization training course. The bill expands this training requirement to pharmacists administering any adult vaccine on the CDC schedule.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***CDC Adult Immunization Schedule***

The CDC currently recommends 10 adult immunizations depending on a person's age and medical condition:

1. flu;
2. tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap);
3. varicella (chicken pox);

4. human papillomavirus (HPV);
5. shingles;
6. measles, mumps, rubella (MMR);
7. pneumonia;
8. meningococcal (meningitis);
9. hepatitis A; and
10. hepatitis B.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/23/2012)