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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 12-207—sSB 371

Public Health Committee

General Law Committee

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

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

As under existing 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 act extends 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.

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