



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 7**

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Substitute House Bill No. 6943

*House of Representatives, February 27, 2019*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) For purposes of this  
2 section, "medical assistant" means a person who (1) (A) is certified by  
3 the American Association of Medical Assistants, the National  
4 Healthcareer Association, the National Center for Competency Testing  
5 or the American Medical Technologists, and (B) has graduated from a  
6 postsecondary medical assisting program (i) accredited by the  
7 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs,  
8 the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools or another  
9 accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department  
10 of Education, or (ii) offered by an institution of higher education  
11 accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the United  
12 States Department of Education, or (2) has completed relevant medical  
13 assistant training provided by any branch of the armed forces of the  
14 United States.

15 (b) A medical assistant may administer a vaccine under the direct  
 16 supervision, control and responsibility of a physician licensed  
 17 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes or an advanced practice  
 18 registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the general  
 19 statutes to any person in any setting other than a hospital. Prior to  
 20 administering a vaccine, a medical assistant shall complete not less  
 21 than twenty-four hours of classroom training and not less than eight  
 22 hours of training in a clinical setting regarding the administration of  
 23 vaccines.

24 (c) On or before January first annually, the Commissioner of Public  
 25 Health shall obtain from the American Association of Medical  
 26 Assistants, the National Healthcareer Association, the National Center  
 27 for Competency Testing and the American Medical Technologists a  
 28 listing of all state residents maintained on said organizations' registry  
 29 of certified medical assistants. The commissioner shall make such  
 30 listings available for public inspection.

31 Sec. 2. Section 19a-6f of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 32 *October 1, 2019*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In line 19, "hospital setting" was changed to "hospital" for clarity.

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which allows medical assistants to administer vaccines under certain conditions and expands lists that the Department of Public Health must make available to the public, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 6943****AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES.****SUMMARY**

This bill allows medical assistants to administer vaccines, under certain conditions, in any setting other than a hospital. They may do so only if they (1) meet certain certification, education, and training requirements and (2) are acting under the direct supervision, control, and responsibility of a licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN).

The bill also makes a corresponding change by adding to the list of organizations from whom the Department of Public Health (DPH) must obtain a list of state residents certified as medical assistants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

**REQUIRED CERTIFICATION, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING**

Under the bill, to be eligible to administer vaccines a medical assistant generally must be certified by the American Association of Medical Assistants, the National Healthcareer Association, the National Center for Competency Testing, or the American Medical Technologists.

The medical assistant also generally must have graduated from a postsecondary medical assisting program that is:

1. accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools, or another accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or

2. offered by a higher education institution accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

The bill also applies to medical assistants who do not meet the above certification and education requirements but who have completed relevant medical assistant training provided by any branch of the U.S. armed forces.

The bill also requires medical assistants to complete at least 24 hours of classroom training and eight hours of clinical training on vaccine administration before administering vaccines.

**LIST OF CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS**

Under current law, the DPH commissioner must annually obtain from the American Association of Medical Assistants and the National Healthcareer Association a list of all state residents on each organization’s registry of certified medical assistants. The bill extends this requirement to also include comparable lists from the National Center for Competency Testing and the American Medical Technologists. By law and unchanged by the bill, DPH must make these lists available to the public.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 2 (02/13/2019)