



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 94

Senate, March 13, 2019

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. ABRAMS of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ALLOWING PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER THE INFLUENZA VACCINE TO CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

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 Section 20-633 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) Any person licensed as a pharmacist under part II of this chapter
4 may administer [] to (1) an adult, any vaccine [] approved by the
5 United States Food and Drug Administration that is listed on the
6 National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Adult
7 Immunization Schedule; and (2) any person between the ages of
8 twelve and seventeen, with the consent of such person's parent or
9 guardian, the influenza vaccine approved by the United States Food
10 and Drug Administration, provided the administration of any such
11 vaccine is conducted pursuant to the order of a licensed health care
12 provider and in accordance with the regulations established pursuant
13 to subsection (b) of this section.

14 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with
 15 the Commissioner of Public Health and the Commission of Pharmacy,
 16 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
 17 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall
 18 (1) require any pharmacist who administers a vaccine [to an adult]
 19 pursuant to this section to successfully complete an immunization
 20 training program for pharmacists; (2) define the basic requirements of
 21 such training program, which shall include training and instruction in
 22 pre-administration education and screening, vaccine storage and
 23 handling, subcutaneous and intramuscular injections, recordkeeping,
 24 vaccine safety, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, basic cardiac life
 25 support and adverse event reporting; (3) identify qualifying training
 26 programs, which are accredited by the National Centers for Disease
 27 Control Prevention, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
 28 or other appropriate national accrediting body; and (4) establish a
 29 system of control and reporting.

30 (c) For purposes of this section, "adult" means [an individual] a
 31 person who has attained the age of eighteen years.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	20-633

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), "between the ages of" was inserted before "twelve", "years of age" was deleted and "and seventeen" was inserted after "twelve" for clarity.

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

The bill, which allows pharmacists to administer the flu vaccine to minors age 12 or older with parental or guardian consent, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities.

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OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 94*****AN ACT ALLOWING PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER THE INFLUENZA VACCINE TO CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.*****SUMMARY**

This bill allows licensed pharmacists to administer the flu vaccine, with parental or guardian consent, to minors aged 12 years or older. It applies to the flu vaccine approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Pharmacists may already administer to adults any vaccines on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's adult immunization schedule. Under the bill, as under existing law for adult vaccines, pharmacists must administer the flu vaccine to minors according to a licensed health care provider's order and Department of Consumer Protection regulations.

Under existing law, these regulations must require that pharmacists administering vaccines to adults complete an immunization training course. The bill extends this training requirement to pharmacists administering the flu vaccine to minors aged 12 years or older.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 7 (03/01/2019)