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Substitute Senate Bill No. 285

Senate, March 9, 2021

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. DAUGHERTY 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 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, 2021*) (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, the
8 Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools or another accrediting
9 organization recognized by the United States Department of Education,
10 or (ii) offered by an institution of higher education accredited by an
11 accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of
12 Education, or (2) has completed relevant medical assistant training
13 provided by any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

14 (b) A medical assistant may administer a vaccine under the
 15 supervision, control and responsibility of a physician licensed pursuant
 16 to chapter 370 of the general statutes or an advanced practice registered
 17 nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes to any
 18 person in any setting other than a hospital setting. Prior to
 19 administering a vaccine, a medical assistant shall complete not less than
 20 twenty-four hours of classroom training and not less than eight hours of
 21 training in a clinical setting regarding the administration of vaccines.
 22 Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit an employer of a
 23 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse to require the
 24 physician or advanced practice registered nurse to oversee a medical
 25 assistant in the administration of a vaccine without the consent of the
 26 physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

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

34 Sec. 2. Section 19a-6f of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 35 *October 1, 2021*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:
 In Section 1(c), "registry" was changed to "registries" for accuracy.

PH Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

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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, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 285****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 setting. They may do so only if they (1) meet certain certification, education, and training requirements and (2) are acting under the supervision, control, and responsibility of a licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). The bill specifies that it does not authorize employers to require physicians or APRNs, without their consent, to oversee medical assistants administering vaccines.

The bill 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, 2021

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’s authorization 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 requires any medical assistant, before administering vaccines, to complete at least 24 hours of classroom training and eight hours of clinical training on vaccine administration.

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 for public inspection.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable
 Yea 23 Nay 10 (02/22/2021)