

SENATE BILL 736

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senator Augustine**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccinations**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations to an
4 individual in a certain age group; altering the age of an individual to whom a
5 pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations; requiring a pharmacist to
6 administer certain vaccinations under a written protocol; repealing the requirement
7 that individuals in a certain age group have a certain prescription in order for a
8 pharmacist to be allowed to administer a certain vaccination to the individual;
9 authorizing a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations to an adult; repealing
10 the requirement that a certain written protocol be vaccine-specific; making this Act
11 an emergency measure; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the
12 administration of vaccinations by pharmacists.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Health Occupations
15 Section 12–508
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Health Occupations**

21 12–508.

22 (a) (1) [A pharmacist may administer an influenza vaccination to an
23 individual who is at least 9 years old, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board,
24 in consultation with the Department.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) (I) [A] SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,
 2 A pharmacist may administer a vaccination [that] TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST
 3 3 YEARS OLD BUT UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS IF THE VACCINE is listed in the
 4 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Recommended Immunization Schedule [to an
 5 individual who:

6 (i) Is at least 11 years old but under the age of 18 years; and

7 (ii) Has a prescription from an authorized prescriber] OR
 8 APPROVED OR AUTHORIZED BY THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

9 (II) A PHARMACIST SHALL ADMINISTER A VACCINATION UNDER
 10 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH UNDER A WRITTEN PROTOCOL, ~~AND~~.

11 [(3)] (2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a
 12 pharmacist may administer to an adult a vaccination that is:

13 1. Listed in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
 14 Recommended Immunization Schedule; [or]

15 2. Recommended in the Centers for Disease Control and
 16 Prevention's Health Information for International Travel; OR

17 3. IS AUTHORIZED OR APPROVED BY THE U.S. FOOD
 18 AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

19 (ii) A pharmacist shall administer a vaccination under
 20 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph under a written protocol that[:

21 1. Is vaccine specific; and

22 2. Meets] MEETS criteria established by the Department, in
 23 consultation with the Board, the Board of Physicians, and the Board of Nursing, in
 24 regulation.

25 [(4)] (3) A pharmacist shall:

26 (i) Report all vaccinations administered by the pharmacist to the
 27 ImmuNet Program established under § 18-109 of the Health – General Article;

28 (ii) If the vaccination has been administered in accordance with a
 29 prescription, document at least one effort to inform the individual's authorized prescriber
 30 that the vaccination has been administered; and

31 (iii) [For a vaccination administered under paragraph (2) or (3) of this

1 subsection] **EXCEPT FOR AN INFLUENZA VACCINATION ADMINISTERED UNDER**
2 **PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, if the authorized prescriber is not the
3 individual's primary care provider or if the vaccination has not been administered in
4 accordance with a prescription, document at least one effort to inform the individual's
5 primary care provider or other usual source of care that the vaccination has been
6 administered.

7 (b) The Board shall:

8 (1) Set reasonable fees for the administration of vaccinations under this
9 section; and

10 (2) Adopt regulations that require a pharmacist to submit a registration
11 form to the Board that includes verification that the pharmacist:

12 (i) Has successfully completed a certification course approved by the
13 Board that included instruction in the guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for
14 Disease Control and Prevention regarding vaccinations; and

15 (ii) Is certified in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation and obtained
16 the certification through in-person classroom instruction.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
18 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
19 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
20 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
21 enacted.