

SB355: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations
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Oppose

Please reject the bill SB 355 to have pharmacists administer vaccines.

There are repeated data reports showing that due to working conditions, pharmacists make countless errors providing the wrong pills to customers which has resulted in death. If they do not have the time in their day to double-check the pill number and do their due diligence to keep people safe in their primary role, then how then are they supposed to fit in even more extra time to make sure customers are safe and have no contraindications to receive certain vaccines? Are they then also supposed to take time in their day to provide follow up and make sure there are no adverse effects like a doctor's office traditionally does?

And I call them "customers" rather than patients because that is what they are. They are customers of the store where the pharmacist works to dispense medication, they are not patients who have a trusted relationship with their healthcare provider.

Additionally, they are granted only a small glimpse into the medical condition of their customers. A pharmacist won't know if a patient has infectious diseases. When a patient is injected with a needle to provide a vaccine there are minuscule droplets of blood that are introduced to that environment. Even if they are wiped away and thrown into the trash can, let's be honest.

The traditional Pharmacy these days are ones like a CVS or are set up inside a grocery store. They are not a sterile, contained environment that is cleaned between patients. Usually there is a case of food or products for sale or right beside the place they are already giving flu shots. That is both disgusting and unsanitary. Please vote against allowing pharmacists to administer vaccines, including flu shots. Let doctors remain in control of administering vaccines.

Thank you.
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