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HB1084 allows a pharmacy tech with just 6 hours of training to vaccinate children 3 and older, which is nowhere near adequate enough training. Pharmacists don't have the specialized training required to assess children appropriately for vaccine readiness by providing warnings, precautions, and contraindications. The Federal National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 ensures no liability if a mistake is made and a child is injured due to inappropriate or misrepresented vaccination at the hands of the person administering the vaccination.

Even more troubling, [SIRVA injuries are on the rise](#) due to incorrect site injection, and have been since before COVID. Pharmacists are ill-equipped in a busy and chaotic environment to administer these injections, causing unnecessary and painful injuries to patients. And who gets to pay for these injuries? The taxpayer, of course!

We have a [1.58% positivity rate](#), our hospitals are not overwhelmed, and people are doing what is needed to move forward in our state. HB1084 stands to increase the magnitude of vaccine injury funds, paid for by the taxpayers of MD, who are already paying some of the [highest tax rates in the country](#). At a time when we need to embrace our health and improve our workforce, these injuries could further devastate able-bodied employees and business owners in our state and increase disabled and unemployable citizens, increasing and amplifying the burden on those of us who work and pay the most in taxes.

Creating more potential SIRVA and other vaccine-related injuries by overworked pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working in chaotic settings like Walmart will cause our highly tax-burdened state to further deepen fiscal irresponsibility.