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BILL NO: SB 773 – Health Occupations – Pharmacist Vaccination Orders
COMMITTEE: Finance Committee
POSITION: Letter of Support

TITLE: SB 773 – Health Occupations – Pharmacists Vaccination Orders

BILL ANALYSIS : The primary purpose of the bill is to authorize pharmacists to order vaccinations for individuals of certain ages without being required to personally administer them. Currently, law primarily focuses on the pharmacist’s ability to administer these vaccines.

POSITION AND RATIONALE:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy respectfully submits this letter of support for Senate Bill (SB) 773 – Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Vaccination Orders.

Under current Maryland law, a licensed pharmacist is authorized to administer certain vaccinations, but this authority is subject to specific patient age requirements and is limited to vaccines determined to be in the community's best health interest by current laws and regulations. This includes the current limitation that the pharmacist who orders a vaccine must be the one to physically administer the shot.

SB 773 modernizes this practice by authorizing a pharmacist to clinically authorize and distribute certain vaccines, such as influenza, COVID-19, or vaccines used in response to a public health emergency, for individuals at least three years old without requiring the pharmacist to administer the vaccination. This change offers greater flexibility and would help to further increase access to immunizations for Maryland residents.

For these reasons, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy urges a favorable report on SB 773.

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