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Senate Bill 389

(Senator Klausmeier)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

**Maryland Pharmacy Act - Practice of Pharmacy - Administration of the Influenza
Vaccination**

This bill allows a licensed pharmacist to administer an influenza vaccination. The State Board of Pharmacy must set reasonable fees a pharmacist can charge for administering an influenza vaccination. The board, with the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Nursing, must develop and adopt regulations to provide for patient safety and to implement this bill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund expenditures for the board could increase minimally to cover hearing costs to the extent that complaints increase as a result of this bill. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Pharmacists may: (1) provide pharmaceutical care; (2) compound, dispense, or distribute prescription drugs or devices; (3) compound or dispense nonprescription drugs or devices; (4) monitor prescriptions for prescription and nonprescription drugs or devices; (5) inform, explain, or recommend the safe and effective use of prescription or nonprescription drugs or devices to patients and health care practitioners; (6) identify and appraise problems concerning the use or monitoring of

therapy with drugs or devices; and (7) act within the parameters of a therapy management contract.

Background: There are 7,248 licensed pharmacists in Maryland.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 384 (Delegate Elliott, *et al.*) – Health and Government Operations.

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