

# SENATE BILL 717

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By: **Senator Klausmeier**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccinations – Expanded Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of pharmacists to administer certain  
4 vaccinations to individuals under certain circumstances; authorizing the State  
5 Board of Pharmacy to set certain fees; ~~granting the Board sole authority to~~  
6 ~~adopt certain regulations~~; and generally relating to the expansion of the  
7 authority of pharmacists to administer vaccinations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Health Occupations  
10 Section 12–508  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health Occupations**

16 12–508.

17 (a) (1) A pharmacist may administer ~~[an influenza vaccination]~~  
18 ~~VACCINATIONS~~ to an individual, in accordance with regulations adopted under  
19 subsection (c) of this section.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1                   **(2) A PHARMACIST MAY ADMINISTER A VACCINATION FOR**  
2 **PNEUMOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA OR HERPES ZOSTER TO AN INDIVIDUAL IF:**

3                           **(I) THE INDIVIDUAL IS AN ADULT;**

4                           **(II) THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A PRESCRIPTION FROM A**  
5 **PHYSICIAN;**

6                           **(III) THE PHARMACIST INFORMS THE PRESCRIBING**  
7 **PHYSICIAN THAT THE VACCINATION HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED;**

8                           **(IV) IF THE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN IS NOT THE PATIENT’S**  
9 **PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN, THE PHARMACIST HAS MADE A REASONABLE**  
10 **EFFORT TO INFORM THE PATIENT’S PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN THAT THE**  
11 **VACCINATION HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED; AND**

12                           **(V) THE VACCINATION IS ADMINISTERED IN ACCORDANCE**  
13 **WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

14           (b) The Board shall set reasonable fees for the administration of [an  
15 influenza vaccination] **VACCINATIONS** in accordance with subsection (a) of this  
16 section.

17           (c) The Board~~f~~, with the Board of Physicians and the Board of Nursing,~~l~~  
18 shall ~~f~~jointly~~l~~ develop and adopt regulations to provide for patient safety and to  
19 implement this section.

20           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2008.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.