

CHAPTER 619

(House Bill 551)

AN ACT concerning

Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccinations – Expanded Authority

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

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

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

Article – Health Occupations

12–508.

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

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

(I) THE INDIVIDUAL IS AN ADULT;

(II) THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A PRESCRIPTION FROM A PHYSICIAN;

(III) THE PHARMACIST INFORMS THE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN THAT THE VACCINATION HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED; ~~AND~~

(IV) IF THE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN IS NOT THE PATIENT'S PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN, THE PHARMACIST HAS MADE A REASONABLE EFFORT

TO INFORM THE PATIENT'S PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN THAT THE VACCINATION HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED; AND

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2008.