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Senate Bill 700

(Senator Klausmeier)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

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**Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations - Expanded Authority**

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This bill expands the types of vaccinations that may be administered by a pharmacist to any vaccination that the Board of Pharmacy, Board of Physicians, and Board of Nursing determines is in the best interest of the community. The vaccinations must be administered in accordance with regulations set jointly by the three boards, which are required to meet at least annually. The regulations have to require a pharmacist to submit a registration form to the Board of Pharmacy that verifies (1) the completion of a certification course that included instruction in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines and recommendations regarding vaccinations; and (2) certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's requirements can be handled with existing Department of Health and Mental Hygiene resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal increase in revenues for pharmacists in small pharmacies who administer additional vaccinations under the bill.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A pharmacist can administer an influenza vaccination to an individual, in accordance with regulations set jointly by the Board of Pharmacy, Board of Physicians, and Board of Nursing. The Board of Pharmacy also sets the fees for administration of a vaccination.

Chapters 618 and 619 of 2008 authorized a pharmacist to administer a pneumococcal pneumonia or herpes zoster vaccination to an adult who has a prescription from a physician. The pharmacist must inform the prescribing physician that the vaccination has been administered, and the vaccination has to be administered according to regulations adopted by the boards of Pharmacy, Physicians, and Nursing. In addition, if the prescribing physician is not the patient's primary care physician, the pharmacist also has to make a reasonable effort to inform the primary care physician that the vaccination has been administered.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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