

# SENATE BILL 67

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request  
– Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services  
Systems)**

Requested: September 23, 2020

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Emergency Medical Services – Paramedics – Vaccination Administration**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a paramedic to administer a vaccination included on a  
4 certain recommended immunization schedule if the services are under the direction  
5 of a certain entity or certain physician and authorized by the Maryland Institute for  
6 Emergency Medical Services Systems, part of a certain program or outreach effort,  
7 and provided in accordance with a certain written agreement that includes certain  
8 provisions; and generally relating to vaccination administration by paramedics.

9 BY repealing

10 Article – Education

11 Section 13–516(g)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Education

16 Section 13–516(g)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 13–516.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [(g) Subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS  
2 Board, a paramedic may administer influenza and hepatitis B immunizations and  
3 tuberculosis skin testing, in a nonemergency environment, to public safety personnel  
4 within the jurisdiction of the paramedic, if the services are:

5 (1) Authorized by a written agreement between the provider's  
6 jurisdictional EMS operational program medical director and the county or city health  
7 department in whose jurisdiction the services are performed, which shall include provisions  
8 for documentation, referral and follow-up, and storage and inventory of medicine;

9 (2) Under the direction of the jurisdictional EMS operational program  
10 medical director; and

11 (3) Approved by the Institute.]

12 **(G) SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS, PROTOCOLS, ORDERS, AND**  
13 **STANDARDS OF THE EMS BOARD, A PARAMEDIC MAY ADMINISTER A VACCINATION**  
14 **INCLUDED ON THE RECOMMENDED ADULT IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE FROM THE**  
15 **FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, AND TUBERCULIN**  
16 **SKIN TESTING, IF THE SERVICES ARE:**

17 **(1) (I) PROVIDED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE EMS**  
18 **OPERATIONAL PROGRAM, AMBULANCE SERVICE MEDICAL DIRECTOR, OR OTHER**  
19 **QUALIFIED PHYSICIAN; AND**

20 **(II) AUTHORIZED BY THE INSTITUTE;**

21 **(2) PART OF:**

22 **(I) A PUBLIC SAFETY OR COMMERCIAL EMS SERVICE**  
23 **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM; OR**

24 **(II) A POPULATION HEALTH OUTREACH EFFORT CONDUCTED**  
25 **BY THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR A HOSPITAL OR HEALTH**  
26 **SYSTEM IN THE STATE; AND**

27 **(3) PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A WRITTEN AGREEMENT**  
28 **BETWEEN THE PARAMEDIC'S EMS OPERATIONAL PROGRAM OR COMMERCIAL EMS**  
29 **SERVICE AND THE COUNTY OR CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE JURISDICTION IN**  
30 **WHICH THE SERVICES ARE PERFORMED OR A HOSPITAL OR HEALTH SYSTEM IN THE**  
31 **STATE, WHICH INCLUDES PROVISIONS FOR:**

32 **(I) THE ADMINISTRATION OF A VACCINE TO AN INDIVIDUAL AT**  
33 **LEAST 18 YEARS OLD;**

- 1                   **(II) STORAGE AND INVENTORY OF MEDICATION;**
- 2                   **(III) DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATE VACCINE INFORMATION**  
3 **STATEMENTS;**
- 4                   **(IV) DOCUMENTATION OF PATIENT CONSENT;**
- 5                   **(V) RECOGNITION OF ADVERSE EFFECTS;**
- 6                   **(VI) REFERRAL AND FOLLOW-UP; AND**
- 7                   **(VII) APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION OF VACCINE**  
8 **ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING WITHIN THE IMMUNET SYSTEM.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2021.