

# HOUSE BILL 286

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By: **Delegate Kaiser**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Emergency Medical Services – Paramedics – Immunization Administration –**  
3 **Effective Date**

4 FOR the purpose of delaying the effective date of certain provisions of law that repeal the  
5 authority of paramedics to administer influenza and 2019CoV immunizations under  
6 certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of paramedics to  
7 administer immunizations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Education  
10 Section 13–516(g)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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14 Article – Education  
15 Section 13–516(g)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)  
18 (As enacted by Section 2 of Chapter 799 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
20 Chapter 799 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021  
21 Section 4

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

3 **Article – Education**

4 13–516.

5 (g) Subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS  
6 Board, a paramedic may administer:

7 (1) Influenza and hepatitis B immunizations and tuberculosis skin testing,  
8 in a nonemergency environment, to public safety or ambulance service personnel within  
9 the jurisdiction of the paramedic, if the services are:

10 (i) Authorized by a written agreement between the provider’s  
11 jurisdictional EMS operational program medical director or ambulance service medical  
12 director and the county or city health department in whose jurisdiction the services are  
13 performed, which shall include provisions for documentation, referral and follow-up, and  
14 storage and inventory of medicine;

15 (ii) Under the direction of the jurisdictional EMS operational  
16 program medical director or ambulance service medical director; and

17 (iii) Approved by the Institute; and

18 (2) Influenza and 2019CoV immunizations, if the immunizations are:

19 (i) 1. Provided under the direction of the EMS operational  
20 program medical director, ambulance service medical director, or other qualified physician;  
21 and

22 2. Authorized by the Institute;

23 (ii) Part of a population health outreach effort conducted by the  
24 appropriate local health department or a hospital or health system in the State; and

25 (iii) Provided in accordance with a written agreement between the  
26 paramedic’s EMS operational program or ambulance service and the county or city health  
27 department in the jurisdiction in which the services are performed or a hospital or health  
28 system in the State, which includes provisions for:

29 1. The administration of a vaccine to an individual at least  
30 18 years old;

31 2. Storage and inventory of medication;

- 1                                   3.     Distribution of appropriate Vaccine Information
- 2     Statements;
- 3                                   4.     Documentation of patient consent;
- 4                                   5.     Recognition of adverse effects;
- 5                                   6.     Referral and follow-up; and
- 6                                   7.     Appropriate documentation of vaccine administration,
- 7     including within the ImmuNet system.
- 8     13–516.

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 10 Board, a paramedic may administer influenza and hepatitis B immunizations and  
 11 tuberculosis skin testing, in a nonemergency environment, to public safety or ambulance  
 12 service personnel within the jurisdiction of the paramedic, if the services are:

13                   (1) Authorized by a written agreement between the provider’s  
 14 jurisdictional EMS operational program medical director or ambulance service medical  
 15 director and the county or city health department in whose jurisdiction the services are  
 16 performed, which shall include provisions for documentation, referral and follow-up, and  
 17 storage and inventory of medicine;

18                   (2) Under the direction of the jurisdictional EMS operational program  
 19 medical director or ambulance service medical director; and

20                   (3) Approved by the Institute.

21   **Chapter 799 of the Acts of 2021**

22                   SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take  
 23 effect January 1, [2023] ~~2026~~ 2025.

24                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
 25 1, 2022.