

SB0736: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations

Oppose

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Chairman Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the EHEA Committee,

I oppose SB 736, which would permit pharmacists and pharmacy techs to administer vaccines. An immunization is a medical procedure that should be completed after a history and physical has been completed in a physician's office. This bill would allow children as young as three years old to receive a childhood vaccination in an open, hectic and germmy CVS pharmacy.

What are the motives of this bill? Who is going to profit when the immunization location moves from the physician office visit to the pharmacy? The pharmacy benefits, and the patient loses out.

It is an admirable goal to increase health care access and health status of the underserved. However, this bill will not achieve that goal. Don't we owe it to all of Maryland's children to increase access to primary care visits that will include immunizations and patient evaluations that occur during check-ups?

Thank you,

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