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Unfavorable SB372

Chairwoman Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier and Finance Committee Members,

I am Emily Tarsell, a mother, licensed therapist and founder of Health Choice Maryland, a large grassroots non-profit organization that advocates for health choice. We oppose **SB 372** which violates parental rights and the right to informed medical consent.

HB 372 seeks to extend emergency use authorizations for a pandemic that no longer exists.

This bill did not pass last year and there is even less justification for it this year. Childhood vaccination rates in Maryland have been and continue to be among the highest in the nation at 93% [1] So doctors are meeting the need and we don't need pharmacists to call the shots.

Busy pharmacists will not know the child's health history and they don't have the time or training to treat children. But youth and adolescents are the real target of this bill because they might be in a pharmacy without parents and could be enticed by sugar coated ads, bribes or fear stroking into being vaccinated when they are not able to evaluate the risks.

For example, consumers are poorly informed and misled about the risk/benefit of the HPV vaccine, Gardasil. I know from personal experience. Twelve years ago my daughter Christina and I were told that Gardasil was "safe effective and would prevent cervical cancer". Chris got the shots and died 18 days after her last injection. We were not told about the risks. It took my experts and attorney 8 years to overcome denial by the CDC but finally the government conceded that she died from her Gardasil shots. And by law, Pharma, doctors and pharmacists cannot be sued or held accountable.

No child or teen can adequately evaluate the risk/benefit of vaccination. There were only 300 each of boys and girls 9-15 in the clinical trials for Gardasil. That is not comforting news. Young teens are more highly reactive to the neurotoxic aluminum in the vaccine which can induce autoimmune disorders. There are thousands of reports of serious adverse events including deaths following HPV vaccination. Weighing the risks and benefits should clearly be made on an individual basis with informed discussions between the parent/caretaker, child and the doctor.

Gardasil is a very expensive vaccine at \$500 to \$700 for the series, so pharmacists find it a lucrative market especially if the pesky need for informed parental consent is eliminated. While this might be great for provider **liability free profits**, it is bad for children's health.

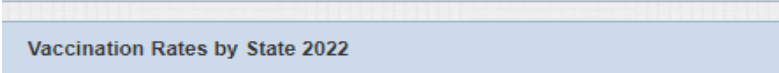
Please vote **UNFAVORABLE** for **SB372**.

Thank you.
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[1] <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/vaccination-rates-by-state>

Here are the 10 states with the highest rates of vaccination:

1. Maryland (0.93%)
2. Vermont (0.92%)
3. Louisiana (0.88%)
4. Nevada (0.88%)
5. Pennsylvania (0.88%)
6. Connecticut (0.87%)
7. South Dakota (0.87%)
8. North Carolina (0.86%)
9. Montana (0.86%)
10. New Jersey (0.86%)



Vaccination Rates by State 2022

More documented information regarding the HPV vaccine, Gardasil, can be found here:

<https://www.gardasilHPVtruths.com>