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HB1232– OPPOSED

I am against proposed bill HB1232 and ask that you give it an unfavorable report.

HB1232 proposes to give vaccinations for minor children at a pharmacy.

I propose you go to a pharmacy and watch the timings and interactions between customer and pharmacy employees. In Charles County, we do not even have a 24 hour pharmacy any longer because there aren't enough pharmacists to work.

Many times, I have gone to fill my prescriptions after a sick or urgent care visit and the wait time is hours. Two-to– three hours for something simple and standard like amoxicillin.

Pharmacists are so very busy already, adding routine childhood vaccinations will be an even more risky business putting children at risk of vaccine mix- ups, vaccine injury to their arms. Children already are required, by law, to have certain vaccinations before they enter school. This should be done at a pediatrician's office where a thorough background and relationship is established because health care is more than vaccinations.

I belong to a Facebook group of parents whose children have multiple life-threatening allergies. MANY did not know their children had anaphylaxis to ingredients until AFTER certain vaccinations, requiring them to seek emergency care at a hospital. In our family, we carry epinephrine pens for medical emergencies.

I cannot imagine the possible injuries to children, up to death, because pharmacists do not have time to search background history on these children and the time to monitor children for 30 mins after their shots, which some are required to do in a pediatrician's office.

I urge you to please issue an unfavorable report on HB1232

Sincerely,
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