

As the family member of a child that was vaccine injured, losing the ability to walk and talk at the age of 13, I oppose HB0076 and SB0018. People need to be in a doctor's care for medical procedures. Vaccines may have serious side effects that pharmacists are not qualified to screen for, recognize, or treat.

It is reckless to allow pharmacists to prescribe vaccines, especially when they do not have access to a person's medical history.

As recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court – and evidenced by the more than \$5.1 billion that the federal government has paid to victims – vaccines can injure and kill an individual.

I urge you to oppose these bills.

1. Pharmacists do not have enough training about all the vaccines, risks, prescreening, contraindications, and emergency interventions for reactions, nor are they instructed on reporting reactions to the [Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System](#) and on advising parents and patients about the statute of limitations and [instructions for filing a claim](#) with the [National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program](#).
2. When pharmacists are allowed to prescribe vaccines, it diminishes the doctor/patient relationship and removes critical health history screenings prior to vaccination. Pharmacists do not have the necessary medical history of an infant or child or the time to screen for contraindications based on a child's personal and family history and unique health needs prior to vaccination.
3. Most pharmacies and grocery stores don't have lifesaving defibrillators as they do in doctors' offices to save the lives of infants and children who have an immediate life-threatening reaction to vaccines. Will pharmacists have the equipment and training to be able to tell the difference between cardiac arrest, anaphylaxis, and fainting and act accordingly to save the lives of children who react at the time of vaccination?
4. [Vaccine Information Statements](#) list many reasons why patients shouldn't be vaccinated. It is highly unlikely that a pharmacist has the time to ask about all the reasons not to vaccinate them.
5. Allowing pharmacists to prescribe vaccines without access to a person's medical records means that a person may receive unintended or duplicate vaccines.
6. Pharmacy groups will support these bills, but it presents a serious conflict of interest because of the financial benefits they will receive if these bills pass.

America's biopharmaceutical research companies are [developing 258 vaccines](#). The [U.S. Vaccine Market](#) alone was \$36.45 billion in 2018 and is expected to reach \$149 billion by 2026 and pharmacies stand to increase their profits substantially by allowing pharmacy technicians to put those shots into customers.

7. Pharmacists will not have liability for the injuries and deaths caused by the vaccines they administer to children. Vaccine administrators are shielded from liability for vaccine injuries and deaths through the combination of the [law passed by Congress in 1986 establishing the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program](#) and the 2011 Supreme Court Decision [BRUESEWITZ ET AL. v. WYETH LLC, FKA WYETH, INC., ET AL.](#)
8. Vaccine package inserts warn of the risk of brain damage, life-threatening allergy, and death, and no one knows in advance whom a vaccine will harm. Pharmacists are not equipped to recognize nor handle serious adverse reactions.
9. Vaccines are medical procedures that carry a risk of serious injury. Hundreds of thousands have reported an adverse reaction to vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). The U.S. Government has paid out nearly [\\$5.1 billion dollars to vaccine victims](#), per VICP Data Reports. <https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/vicp/vicp-stats-01-01-24.pdf>