

May 15, 2000

S 1234. LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS/IMMUNIZ. *TO REQUIRE THAT ADULT CARE HOMES AND NURSING HOMES ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE IMMUNIZED AGAINST INFLUENZA VIRUS AND THAT RESIDENTS ARE ALSO IMMUNIZED AGAINST PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE.* Adds new GS 131D-3.9 and 131E-113, requiring licensed adult care homes and nursing homes to require residents and employees to be immunized against influenza virus and to require residents also to be immunized against pneumococcal disease, except as otherwise provided in the section. Includes notification and documentation requirements. Provides that no person may be required to receive either vaccine if it is medically contraindicated, if it is against the person's religious beliefs, or if the person refuses the vaccine after being fully informed of the health risks of not being immunized. Requires the Dep't of Health and Human Services to make available to adult care homes and nursing homes educational and informational materials pertaining to the vaccinations. Effective September 1, 2000.

Intro. by Purcell.

Ref. to Health Care	GS 131D, 131E
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May 31, 2000

S 1234. LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS/IMMUNIZ. Intro. 5/15/00. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds new GS 131D-9 to include provisions regarding immunizations of residents against pneumococcal disease. Authorizes the Health Services Commission to adopt rules to implement immunization requirements. Makes September 1, 2001, the effective date for requirements that (1) residents and employees be immunized against the influenza virus and (2) employees be immunized against the pneumococcal disease. Makes other technical changes.