

April 21, 2005

**H 1364. PEDIATRIC VACCINES/NO THIMEROSAL. PERTAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIMEROSAL-FREE VACCINES TO PREGNANT WOMEN AND CERTAIN-AGED CHILDREN.** Amends GS 130A-152 to prohibit administration of vaccines containing thimerosal to pregnant women and children under age 8 unless vaccine contains only trace amounts of thimerosal and no alternative is available or in times of emergency or epidemic as determined by State Health Director. Enacts new GS 130A-152.1 requiring licensed physicians to provide information regarding thimerosal, developed by Dept. of Health and Human Services, to patients and their parents or guardians. Effective January 1, 2006.

**Intro. by Dollar, Goforth.**

Ref. to Health

GS 130A

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**H 1364. PEDIATRIC VACCINES/NO THIMEROSAL.** Intro. 4/21/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Rewrites amendment to GS 130A-152(d) so that it now provides that vaccines containing the preservative thimerosal administered to children under the age of eight years may not contained more than 0.5 micrograms of mercury per 0.5 ml dose, and that influenza vaccines administered to children aged 6 to 35 months and to pregnant women may not contain the preservative thimerosal, except in times of emergency or epidemic or if no alternative vaccines are available and the vaccine contains only a trace amount (less than 0.5 ug/0.5 ml dose) of mercury. Requires DHHS to produce as well as develop the brochure and poster required by new GS 130A-152.1. Effective when act becomes law, requires DHHS to study feasibility of requiring that all vaccinations used to carry out provisions of GS 130A-152(a) be free of thimerosal and to report its findings to the 2006 regular session of the General Assembly when it convenes.