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SENATE BILL DRS15155-NB-14C

Short Title: Immunizing Pharmacists.

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Sponsors: Senators Bishop, Foushee, and Krawiec (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW IMMUNIZING PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER THE
3 INFLUENZA VACCINE TO PEOPLE TEN YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER AND TO
4 ADMINISTER VACCINES RECOMMENDED BY THE CENTER FOR DISEASE
5 CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO PEOPLE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE
6 PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN PROTOCOL TO INCREASE ACCESS TO VACCINES IN
7 THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE CITIZENS OF NORTH
8 CAROLINA.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 SECTION 1. G.S. 90-85.15B reads as rewritten:

11 "§ 90-85.15B. Immunizing pharmacists.

12 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) and (c) of this section, an immunizing pharmacist
13 may administer vaccinations or immunizations only if the vaccinations or immunizations are
14 recommended or required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and administered
15 to persons at least 18 years of age pursuant to a specific prescription order.

16 (b) An immunizing pharmacist may administer the vaccinations or immunizations listed
17 in subdivisions (1) through ~~(5)~~(7) of this subsection to persons at least 18 years of age if the
18 vaccinations or immunizations are administered under written protocols as defined in 21 NCAC
19 46. 2507(b)(12) and 21 NCAC 32U. 0101(b)(12) and in accordance with the supervising
20 physician's responsibilities as defined in 21 NCAC 46. 2507(e) and 21 NCAC 32U. 0101(e), and
21 the physician is licensed in and has a practice physically located in North Carolina:

22 (1) Pneumococcal polysaccharide or pneumococcal conjugate vaccines.

23 (2) Herpes zoster vaccine.

24 (3) Hepatitis B vaccine.

25 (4) Meningococcal polysaccharide or meningococcal conjugate
26 ~~vaccines, vaccines~~ and Serogroup B meningococcal vaccines.

27 (5) Tetanus-diphtheria, tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and pertussis, tetanus and
28 diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis, or tetanus toxoid vaccines.
29 However, a pharmacist shall not administer any of these vaccines if the patient
30 discloses that the patient has an open wound, puncture, or tissue tear.

31 (6) Human Papillomavirus vaccine.

32 (7) Hepatitis A vaccine.

33 (c) An immunizing pharmacist may administer the influenza vaccine to persons at least
34 14-10 years of age pursuant to 21 NCAC 46. 2507 and 21 NCAC 32U. 0101. An immunizing
35 pharmacist may administer an influenza vaccine to persons at least six years of age pursuant to a



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1 specific prescription order initiated by a prescriber following a physical examination of the
2 patient by the prescriber.

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4 **SECTION 2.** Representatives of the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians,
5 the North Carolina Medical Society, the North Carolina Pediatric Society, the North Carolina
6 Association of Community Pharmacists, and the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association
7 are directed to cooperate and collaborate to recommend a minimum standard screening
8 questionnaire and safety procedures for written protocols for vaccinations or immunizations
9 administered under G.S. 90-85.15B(b)(6)-(7). The questionnaire and recommended standards
10 shall be submitted to the North Carolina Board of Medicine, the North Carolina Board of
11 Nursing, the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
12 on Health and Human Services on or before October 1, 2019. In the event that the questionnaire
13 and recommended standards are not submitted by October 1, 2019, the Immunization Branch of
14 the North Carolina Division of Public Health shall develop the questionnaire and recommended
15 standards and submit them to the North Carolina Board of Medicine, the North Carolina Board
16 of Nursing, the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, and the Joint Legislative Oversight
17 Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2020.

18 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective on October 1, 2019, and the
19 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.