

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY GROVE, DELOZIER, BARRAR, BOBACK, BOYD, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, DENLINGER, ELLIS, EVERETT, FARRY, GABLER, GEIST, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, HESS, JOSEPHS, KAUFFMAN, M.K. KELLER, KILLION, KORTZ, MILLER, MOUL, MUNDY, D. O'BRIEN, PYLE, QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROCK, SABATINA, STEVENSON AND J. TAYLOR, FEBRUARY 24, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, FEBRUARY 24, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699),  
 2 entitled "An act relating to the regulation of the practice  
 3 of pharmacy, including the sales, use and distribution of  
 4 drugs and devices at retail; and amending, revising,  
 5 consolidating and repealing certain laws relating thereto,"  
 6 further providing for the authority to administer injectable  
 7 medications, biologicals and immunizations.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 9.2 of the act of September 27, 1961  
 11 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, added June 29,  
 12 2002 (P.L.673, No.102), is amended to read:

13 Section 9.2. Authority to Administer Injectable Medications,  
 14 Biologicals and Immunizations.--(a) [Within eighteen months  
 15 from the effective date of this section, the] The board shall by  
 16 regulation establish education and training standards and  
 17 practice guidelines pursuant to which pharmacists shall be  
 18 authorized to administer injectable medications, biologicals and

1 immunizations [to persons who are more than eighteen years of  
2 age]. Such standards and guidelines shall include, but not be  
3 limited to, the following:

4 (1) Satisfactory completion of an academic and practical  
5 curriculum approved by the board that includes the current  
6 guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease  
7 Control and Prevention in the Public Health Service of the  
8 United States Department of Health and Human Services, the  
9 American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or a similar health  
10 authority or professional body and includes, but is not limited  
11 to, disease epidemiology, vaccine characteristics, injection  
12 technique, emergency response to adverse events and related  
13 topics.

14 (2) Maintenance of a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
15 (CPR) certificate acceptable to the board.

16 (3) That the administration of injectable medications,  
17 biologicals and immunizations be in accordance with a definitive  
18 set of treatment guidelines established by a physician and  
19 approved by the board.

20 (4) That a minimum of two hours of the thirty-hour  
21 requirement for continuing education for license renewal be  
22 dedicated to this area of practice.

23 (5) That parental consent be obtained for all individuals  
24 under the age of eighteen.

25 (b) A pharmacist's authority to administer injectable  
26 medications, biologicals and immunizations shall not be  
27 delegated to any other person. A pharmacy intern who has  
28 completed a course of education and training which meets the  
29 requirements of subsection (a)(1) and (2) may administer  
30 injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations only under

1 the direct, immediate and personal supervision of a pharmacist  
2 holding the authority to administer injectable medications,  
3 biologicals and immunizations.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.