

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 819 Session of 2013

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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
APRIL 10, 2013

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
19 immunizations [to persons who are more than eighteen years of

1 age] to individuals seven years of age and older. Such standards
2 and guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the
3 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 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Advisory
20 Committee on Immunization Practices guidelines or another
21 competent authority approved by the board.

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

25 (5) For individuals under 18 years of age, parental consent
26 must be obtained prior to administration. Administration of
27 immunizations shall be in accordance with the immunization
28 schedule established by the Centers for Disease Control and
29 Prevention.

30 (6) Maintain a level of professional liability insurance

coverage in the minimum amount of one million dollars
(\$1,000,000) per occurrence or claims made. Failure to maintain
insurance coverage as required shall subject the licensees to
disciplinary proceedings. The board shall accept as satisfactory
evidence of insurance coverage any of the following:

(i) personally purchased liability insurance;

(ii) professional liability insurance coverage provided by
the individual licensee's employer; or

(iii) similar insurance coverage acceptable to the board.

(7) Notification of the individual's primary care provider,
if known, within seventy-two hours of administration.

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

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