



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2679

PRINTERS NO. 3252 PRIME SPONSOR: Hickernell

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the Pharmacy Act of 1961 pertaining to COVID-19 and influenza immunization administration. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Section 9.2 of the Pharmacy Act as follows:

- Authorizes pharmacists to administer influenza and COVID-19 immunizations to individuals five years of age and older;
- Authorizes pharmacy interns to administer influenza and COVID-19 immunizations to individuals five years of age and older so long as it is under the direct, immediate, and personal supervision of a pharmacist;
- Expands eligible supervisors of pharmacy interns during administration of COVID-19 and influenza immunizations to include a physician, physician assistant or certified registered nurse practitioner;
- Permits pharmacists who hold an active authorization to administer injectables to delegate the authority to administer influenza and COVID-19 immunizations to other licensed individuals including a certified registered nurse practitioner, physician assistant, registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse.

Additionally, this legislation requires a supervising pharmacist to report the administration of immunizations to the immunization registry maintained by the Department of Health within 72 hours of immunization administration and to the individual's primary care provider, if known.

A pharmacist or pharmacy intern who administers an influenza or COVID-19 immunization to an individual under 18 is required to inform the parent or adult caregiver of the importance of a well-child visit with a pediatrician or other licensed primary care provider and refer the patient as appropriate.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.