

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 2679

**PRINTER NO.** 3252

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

June 15, 2022

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Hickernell

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 2679 amends the Pharmacy Act of 1961 pertaining to COVID-19 and influenza immunization administration.

The bill 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; and
- 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.

The bill 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 years of age 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.

This act shall take effect immediately.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 2679 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.