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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, further providing for the authority to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations.

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Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

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
20 age] individuals seven years of age and older. Such standards

1 and guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the
2 following:

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

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

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

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

22 (5) For individuals under eighteen years of age, that prior
23 parental consent must be obtained and that pharmacists are
24 restricted to administering only immunizations. Administration
25 of immunizations shall be in accordance with the immunization
26 schedule established by the Centers for Disease Control and
27 Prevention.

28 (6) Maintenance of a level of professional liability
29 insurance coverage in the minimum amount of one million dollars
30 (\$1,000,000) per occurrence or claim made. Failure to maintain

1 insurance coverage as required shall subject the licensee to
2 disciplinary proceedings. The board shall accept as satisfactory
3 evidence of insurance coverage any of the following:

4 (i) Personal purchased liability insurance.

5 (ii) Professional liability insurance coverage provided by
6 the individual licensee's employer.

7 (iii) Similar insurance coverage acceptable to the board.

8 (7) That notification by the pharmacist be provided to the
9 individual's primary care provider, if known, within seventy-two
10 hours of administration.

11 (b) [A] (1) Except as set forth in clause (2), a
12 pharmacist's authority to administer injectable medications,
13 biologicals and immunizations shall not be delegated to any
14 other person.

15 (2) A pharmacy intern who has completed a course of
16 education and training which meets the requirements of
17 subsection (a)(1) and (2) may administer injectable medications,
18 biologicals and immunizations only under the direct, immediate
19 and personal supervision of a pharmacist holding the authority
20 to administer injectable medications, biologicals and
21 immunizations.

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