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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

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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

1 coverage in the minimum amount of one million dollars  
2 (\$1,000,000) per occurrence or claims made. Failure to maintain  
3 insurance coverage as required shall subject the licensees to  
4 disciplinary proceedings. The board shall accept as satisfactory  
5 evidence of insurance coverage any of the following:

- 6 (i) personally purchased liability insurance;  
7 (ii) professional liability insurance coverage provided by  
8 the individual licensee's employer; or  
9 (iii) similar insurance coverage acceptable to the board.

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

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

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