

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), entitled "An  
 2 act relating to insurance; amending, revising, and  
 3 consolidating the law providing for the incorporation of  
 4 insurance companies, and the regulation, supervision, and  
 5 protection of home and foreign insurance companies, Lloyds  
 6 associations, reciprocal and inter-insurance exchanges, and  
 7 fire insurance rating bureaus, and the regulation and  
 8 supervision of insurance carried by such companies,  
 9 associations, and exchanges, including insurance carried by  
 10 the State Workmen's Insurance Fund; providing penalties; and  
 11 repealing existing laws," in casualty insurance, providing  
 12 for health insurance coverage for immunizations administered  
 13 at a pharmacy by a pharmacist.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. The act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known  
 17 as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, is amended by adding a  
 18 section to read:

19 Section 635.8. Coverage for Immunizations Administered at a  
 20 Pharmacy by a Pharmacist.--(a) All health insurance policies  
 21 shall provide coverage for immunizations administered at a  
 22 pharmacy by a pharmacist.

23 (b) As used in this section:

1     (1) "Health insurance policy" means a group or individual  
2 health or sickness or accident insurance policy, subscriber  
3 contract or certificate issued by an entity. The term does not  
4 include accident only, fixed indemnity, limited benefit, credit,  
5 dental, vision, specified disease, Medicare supplement, Civilian  
6 Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS)  
7 supplement, long-term care or disability income, workers'  
8 compensation or automobile medical payment insurance.

9     (2) "Pharmacist" means an individual duly licensed by the  
10 State Board of Pharmacy to engage in the practice of pharmacy.

11     (3) "Pharmacy" means every property issued a permit by the  
12 State Board of Pharmacy where drugs, devices and diagnostic  
13 agents for human or animal consumption are stored, dispensed or  
14 compounded, excluding offices or facilities of veterinarians  
15 licensed by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. The  
16 term does not include the operations of a manufacturer or  
17 distributor, as defined in the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233,  
18 No.64), known as "The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and  
19 Cosmetic Act." In an institution, "pharmacy" means the organized  
20 pharmacy services in the institution under the direct  
21 supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

22     Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.