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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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D. WILLIAMS, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

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

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.