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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 authority to administer injectable
7 medications, biologicals and immunizations; and abrogating
8 inconsistent regulations.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 9.2(a) introductory paragraph and (5) and
12 (b) of the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known
13 as the Pharmacy Act, are amended and the section is amended by
14 adding subsections to read:

15 Section 9.2. Authority to Administer Injectable Medications,
16 Biologicals and Immunizations.--(a) The board shall by
17 regulation establish education and training standards and
18 practice guidelines pursuant to which pharmacists shall be
19 authorized to administer injectable medications, biologicals and
20 immunizations to persons who are more than eighteen years of age
21 and influenza and COVID-19 immunizations by injectable or

1 needle-free delivery methods to persons [nine] five years of age
2 and older. Such standards and guidelines shall include, but not
3 be limited to, the following:

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5 (5) For individuals under eighteen years of age, that
6 parental consent be obtained prior to administration.
7 Administration of influenza and COVID-19 immunizations by
8 injectable or needle-free delivery methods shall be in
9 accordance with the immunization schedule established by the
10 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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12 (b) [A] Except as provided under subsection (e), a
13 pharmacist's authority to administer injectable medications,
14 biologicals and immunizations shall not be delegated to any
15 other person. 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 to persons who are more than
19 eighteen years of age and influenza and COVID-19 immunizations
20 by injectable or needle-free delivery methods to persons [nine]
21 five years of age and older only under the direct, immediate and
22 personal supervision of a pharmacist holding the authority to
23 administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations
24 or a physician, physician assistant or certified registered
25 nurse practitioner.

26 (c) A supervising pharmacist shall report the
27 administration of immunizations under this section to the
28 immunization registry maintained by the Department of Health
29 within seventy-two hours of immunization administration and to
30 the individual's primary care provider in accordance with

1 subsection (a) (7). Nothing in this subsection shall be construed
2 to prohibit a supervising pharmacist from delegating the
3 reporting of immunization administration to a pharmacy intern.

4 (d) A pharmacist or pharmacy intern who administers an
5 influenza or COVID-19 immunization to an individual under
6 eighteen years of age shall inform the parent or adult caregiver
7 of the importance of a well-child visit with a pediatrician or
8 other licensed primary care provider and refer the patient as
9 appropriate.

10 (e) A pharmacist who holds the authority to administer
11 injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations may
12 delegate the authority to administer influenza and COVID-19
13 immunizations to a certified registered nurse practitioner,
14 physician assistant, registered nurse or licensed practical
15 nurse.

16 Section 2. The provisions of 49 Pa. Code §§ 27.12(c)(1) and
17 27.403(b) are abrogated insofar as they are inconsistent with
18 the amendment or addition of section 9.2(a) introductory
19 paragraph and (5), (b), (c) and (d) of the act.

20 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.