

1 immunizations

2 A pharmacist may administer to an individual age ~~seventeen~~ **three** or older
 3 an immunization or a vaccine, **including but not limited to a COVID-19 vaccine**
 4 **when available**, without a ~~patient-specific~~ prescription or medical order if the
 5 immunization or the vaccine is administered in conformance with the most current
 6 immunization administration protocol as set forth by the United States Centers for
 7 Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice, **is**
 8 **consistent with United States Food and Drug Administration approved labeling,**
 9 **or is otherwise authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration.**

10 At the time that a pharmacist administers an immunization or vaccine under the
 11 provisions of this Section, the pharmacist shall also inform the individual that the
 12 administration of an immunization or vaccine under this Section is not to be
 13 construed as being in lieu of an annual checkup with the individual's primary care
 14 or family physician.

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16 Section 2. R.S. 37:1218(A)(5) and 1218.1(A)(4) are hereby repealed.

17 Section 3. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall terminate on August 1, 2022.

18 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 20 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 21 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 22 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

DIGEST

SB 51 Engrossed

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

Barrow

Present law provides a pharmacist may administer an influenza immunization to any person seven years of age or older without a prescription or medical order if certain criteria are met.

Proposed law retains present law but lowers the threshold age to three years. Proposed law terminates on August 1, 2022.

Present law provides that a pharmacist may administer to an individual age 17 or older an

immunization or a vaccine without a patient-specific prescription or medical order if the immunization or the vaccine is administered in conformance with the most current immunization administration protocol as set forth by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice.

Proposed law retains present law but lowers the threshold age to three years and removes the requirement for a prescription or medical order. Further provides for immunizations and vaccines to be administered if consistent with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved labeling or is otherwise authorized by the FDA. Proposed law terminates on August 1, 2022.

Present law provides that a pharmacist shall obtain the appropriate credentials to administer immunizations from the La. Board of Pharmacy prior to administering any immunizations.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective See Act.

(Amends R.S. 37:1218(intro para) and 1218.1(A)(intro para); repeals R.S. 37:1218(A)(5) and 1218.1(A)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Adds a sunset date for provisions of proposed law which lower the threshold age to three years.