

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 471

2023 Regular Session

Freiberg

June 8, 2023

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 471 by Representative Freiberg, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Morris (#2706) be rejected.
2. That the following amendments to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "1218.1(A)" to "1218.1"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "vaccines;" and before "and" insert "to provide for participation in the Vaccines for Children program;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, change "1218.1(A)" to "1218.1"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the beginning of line 12, insert "A."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

"B.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health may allow qualified pharmacies in Health Professional Shortage Areas, as identified by the Louisiana Department of Health, to participate as providers in the Vaccines for Children Program through the office of public health.

(2) Pharmacies shall comply with any Louisiana Department of Health Vaccines for Children Program requirements to serve Medicaid enrollees."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, delete line 3 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"B.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health may allow qualified pharmacies in Health Professional Shortage Areas, as identified by the Louisiana Department of Health, to participate as providers in the Vaccines for Children Program through the office of public health.

(2) Pharmacies shall comply with any Louisiana Department of Health Vaccines for Children Program requirements to serve Medicaid enrollees.

B.C. This Section shall not apply to the administering of an immunization pursuant to R.S. 37:1218."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley

Senator Gerald Boudreaux

Representative Joseph A. Stagni

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

VACCINES/VACCINATION: Provides relative to administration of immunizations and vaccines by pharmacists and other licensees of the La. Board of Pharmacy

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Added to present law, relative to the administration of influenza immunizations and other vaccines, requirements for pharmacists, pharmacy interns, or certified pharmacy technicians to enroll in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Vaccines for Children program and maintain certification in pediatric advanced life support.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Authorize the Louisiana Department of Health to allow qualified pharmacies in Health Professional Shortage Areas to participate as providers in the Vaccines for Children Program through the office of public health.
2. Require pharmacies to comply with any Louisiana Department of Health Vaccines for Children Program requirements to serve Medicaid enrollees.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law authorizes any pharmacist to administer an influenza immunization to any person seven years of age or older without a prescription or medical order if certain enumerated conditions and requirements set forth in present law are met.

Proposed law revises present law to extend to the following persons the conditional authorization to administer influenza immunizations provided in present law:

- (1) Any pharmacy intern supervised by a pharmacist.
- (2) Any certified pharmacy technician supervised by a pharmacist.

Proposed law retains present law providing enumerated conditions and requirements relative to administration of influenza immunizations by licensees of the La. Board of Pharmacy.

Proposed law adds a requirement that pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and certified pharmacy technicians who administer influenza immunizations retain evidence of their continuing competency for administering such immunizations as administratively defined and required by the La. Board of Pharmacy and obtain the appropriate education and training.

Present law authorizes any pharmacist to administer to an individual age 17 or older an immunization or a vaccine other than one for influenza without a patient-specific prescription or medical order if certain conditions and requirements set forth in present law are met.

Proposed law revises present law in the following ways:

- (1) Extends to the following persons the conditional authorization to administer immunizations and vaccines other than those for influenza:
 - (a) Any pharmacy intern supervised by a pharmacist.
 - (b) Any certified pharmacy technician supervised by a pharmacist.

- (2) Decreases the individual's age threshold for which a pharmacist may administer an immunization or vaccination from 17 years of age to seven years of age.

Proposed law retains present law providing enumerated conditions and requirements relative to administration of immunizations or vaccines other than those for influenza by licensees of the La. Board of Pharmacy.

Proposed law adds a requirement that pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and certified pharmacy technicians who administer immunizations and vaccines other than those for influenza retain evidence of their continuing competency for administering such immunizations and vaccines as administratively defined and required by the La. Board of Pharmacy.

Proposed law adds provisions for the agent of the pharmacist.

Proposed law requires pharmacies to display signage in immunization areas that inform parents and guardians of the importance of annual pediatric well-child visits.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to allow qualified pharmacies in Health Professional Shortage Areas to participate as providers in the Vaccines for Children Program through the office of public health.

Proposed law requires pharmacies to comply with any La. Dept. of Health Vaccines for Children Program requirements to serve Medicaid enrollees.

(Amends R.S. 37:1218 and 1218.1)