

SENATE BILL NO. 600

BY SENATOR MILLS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1218.1, relative to immunizations and vaccines; to provide  
3 for the administering of immunizations and vaccines other than influenza  
4 immunizations by a pharmacist; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1218.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1218.1. Administration of ~~certain~~ immunizations in ~~primary care health~~  
8 ~~professional shortage areas~~ **and vaccines other than influenza**  
9 **immunizations**

10 A. ~~In any parish designated wholly or in part as a primary care health~~  
11 ~~professional shortage area as set forth under Section 332 of the Public Health Service~~  
12 ~~Act, as determined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services,~~  
13 ~~a pharmacist may administer any of the following vaccines, but only in conformance~~  
14 ~~with the provisions of Subsection B of this Section:~~

15 (1) ~~Pneumococcal, to any person eighteen years of age or older.~~

16 (2) ~~Zoster, to any person fifty years of age or older.~~

17 B. ~~The pharmacist shall administer each immunization in conformance with~~  
18 ~~the most current vaccination administration as set forth by the United States Public~~  
19 ~~Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, following guidance~~  
20 ~~published in the Louisiana State Immunization Policies and Procedures Manual, to~~  
21 ~~participate in the program and to be covered by the National Vaccine Injury~~  
22 ~~Compensation Fund.~~

1           A pharmacist may administer to an individual age seventeen or older an  
2           immunization or a vaccine without a patient-specific prescription or medical  
3           order if the immunization or the vaccine is administered in conformance with  
4           the most current immunization administration protocol as set forth by the  
5           United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee  
6           on Immunization Practice. At the time that a pharmacist administers an  
7           immunization or vaccine under the provisions of this Section, the pharmacist  
8           shall also inform the individual that the administration of an immunization or  
9           vaccine under this Section is not to be construed as being in lieu of an annual  
10           checkup with the individual's primary care or family physician.

11           (1) The pharmacist shall report each immunization to the Department of  
12           Health and Hospitals, office of public health's Louisiana Immunization Network for  
13           Kids Statewide at the time of the immunization or as soon as reasonably practicable  
14           thereafter, as this is the official state vaccination record.

15           (2) The pharmacist shall report all adverse events he observes or which are  
16           reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System, the cooperative  
17           program of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the  
18           United States Food and Drug Administration for vaccine safety, or its successor  
19           program; and further, the pharmacist shall refer the patient with an adverse event to  
20           an immunization for appropriate medical care.

21           (3) The pharmacist shall maintain for at least two years a record of each  
22           immunization administered.

23           (4) The pharmacist shall obtain the appropriate credentials to administer  
24           immunizations from the board, as administratively defined, prior to administering  
25           any such immunization.

26           (5) The pharmacist shall request the name of a patient's primary care provider  
27           prior to the administering of any immunization. If the patient identifies such primary  
28           care provider to the pharmacist, the pharmacist shall notify the primary care  
29           provider, by written or electronic communication, as soon as reasonably possible  
30           thereafter that the immunization was administered.

1                    **B. This Section shall not apply to the administering of an immunization**  
2                    **pursuant to R.S. 37:1218.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_