

**ACT No. 155**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 969

BY REPRESENTATIVES COX, BAGLEY, HENSGENS, HOFFMANN, HORTON, MIKE  
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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2011 and 2166.9, relative to immunizations for adults; to require the  
3 Department of Health and Hospitals to provide educational information on shingles  
4 and pneumonia; to require nursing homes and adult residential care providers to  
5 disseminate educational information on shingles and pneumonia; to establish the  
6 minimum content of the information; to provide for interpretations; and to provide  
7 for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:2011 and 2166.9 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2011. Immunization information; shingles; pneumonia

11 A. No later than September first of each year and in accordance with the  
12 latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of  
13 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and  
14 Hospitals shall provide licensed nursing homes with educational information on  
15 zoster, also known as shingles. The educational information shall include, at a  
16 minimum, the risks associated with shingles and how to protect oneself against the  
17 varicella-zoster virus. The licensed nursing homes shall disseminate this information  
18 to their residents.

19 B. No later than September first of each year and in accordance with the  
20 latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of  
21 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and  
22 Hospitals shall provide licensed nursing homes with educational information on  
23 pneumonia. The educational information shall include, at a minimum, the risks

1 associated with pneumonia and the availability of the pneumococcal immunization.  
2 The licensed nursing homes shall disseminate this information to their residents.

3 C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require any licensed nursing  
4 home to provide or pay for any immunization against the varicella-zoster virus or  
5 pneumonia.

6 D. The Department of Health and Hospitals shall provide the educational  
7 information required by Subsections A and B of this Section through the posting of  
8 a link to its website where the information can be downloaded by the licensed  
9 nursing homes.

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11 §2166.9. Immunization information; shingles; pneumonia

12 A. No later than September first of each year and in accordance with the  
13 latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of  
14 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and  
15 Hospitals shall provide licensed adult residential care providers with educational  
16 information on zoster, also known as shingles. The educational information shall  
17 include, at a minimum, the risks associated with shingles and how to protect oneself  
18 against the varicella-zoster virus. The licensed adult residential care providers shall  
19 disseminate this information to their residents.

20 B. No later than September first of each year and in accordance with the  
21 latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of  
22 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and  
23 Hospitals shall provide licensed adult residential care providers with educational  
24 information on pneumonia. The educational information shall include, at a  
25 minimum, the risks associated with pneumonia and the availability of the  
26 pneumococcal immunization. The licensed adult residential care providers shall  
27 disseminate this information to their residents.

28 C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require any adult residential  
29 care provider to provide or pay for any immunization against the varicella-zoster  
30 virus or pneumonia.

1                    D. The Department of Health and Hospitals shall provide the educational  
2                    information required by Subsections A and B of this Section through the posting of  
3                    a link to its website where the information can be downloaded by the licensed adult  
4                    residential care providers.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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