

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 51

BY SENATOR BARROW

PHARMACISTS. Provides for immunizations, including the COVID-19 vaccine, to be administered by pharmacists. (gov sig) (Item #40)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1218 and the introductory

3 paragraph of 1218.1(A) and to repeal R.S. 37:1218(A)(5) and 1218.1(A)(4), relative

4 to the administration of immunizations and vaccines by pharmacists; to provide for

5 the administration of influenza immunizations; to provide for the administration of

6 other immunizations and vaccines including the COVID-19 vaccine; to repeal the

7 credentialing requirement; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related

8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1218 and the introductory

11 paragraph of 1218.1(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §1218. Administration of influenza immunization

13 A pharmacist may administer an influenza immunization to any person ~~seven~~

14 **three** years of age or older without a prescription or medical order contingent upon

15 all of the following provisions:

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17 §1218.1. Administration of immunizations and vaccines other than influenza

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

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

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#### DIGEST

SB 51 Original

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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.

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.

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 upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(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))