

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 424

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1218 and 1218.1(A), relative to administration of  
3 immunizations and vaccines by pharmacists and other licensees of the Louisiana  
4 Board of Pharmacy; to decrease the minimum age at which a person may receive an  
5 immunization or vaccine from certain licensees of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy;  
6 to establish requirements and standards for certain licensees of the Louisiana Board  
7 of Pharmacy relative to administration of immunizations and vaccines; to make  
8 technical changes and corrections; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 37:1218 and 1218.1(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
11 as follows:

12 §1218. Administration of influenza immunization

13 A pharmacist, a pharmacy intern supervised by a pharmacist, or a certified  
14 pharmacy technician supervised by a pharmacist may administer an influenza  
15 immunization to any person ~~seven~~ three years of age or older without a prescription  
16 or medical order contingent upon all of the following provisions:

17 (1) The pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician shall  
18 administer influenza immunizations in conformance with the most current annual  
19 influenza vaccination administration protocol as set forth by the United States

1 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (~~CDC~~) Advisory Committee on  
2 Immunization Practice (~~ACIP~~).

3 (2) The pharmacist or his agent shall report each influenza immunization to  
4 the ~~Louisiana Office of Public Health Immunization Registry~~ Louisiana  
5 Immunization Network for Kids Statewide system of the Louisiana Department of  
6 Health, office of public health at the time of the immunization or as soon as  
7 reasonably practicable thereafter.

8 (3) The pharmacist or his agent shall report all adverse events he observes  
9 or which are reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse ~~Events~~ Event Reporting System  
10 (~~VAERS~~), the cooperative program of the ~~CDC~~ United States Centers for Disease  
11 Control and Prevention and the United States Food and Drug Administration for  
12 vaccine safety, or its successor program; and, further, the pharmacist shall refer the  
13 patient with an adverse event to the influenza immunization for appropriate medical  
14 care.

15 (4) The pharmacist or his agent shall maintain for at least two years a record  
16 of each influenza immunization administered.

17 (5) The pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician shall  
18 obtain the appropriate ~~credential to administer influenza immunizations from the~~  
19 ~~board~~ education and training, as administratively defined, prior to administering any  
20 such immunization; and, further, shall retain evidence of his continuing competency  
21 for administering such immunizations as administratively defined and required by  
22 the board.

23 §1218.1. Administration of immunizations and vaccines other than influenza  
24 immunizations

25 A.(1) A pharmacist, a pharmacy intern supervised by a pharmacist, or a  
26 certified pharmacy technician supervised by a pharmacist may administer to an  
27 individual age ~~seventeen~~ three or older an immunization or a vaccine without a  
28 patient-specific prescription or medical order if the immunization or the vaccine is  
29 administered in conformance with the most current immunization administration

1 protocol as set forth by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
2 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice. At the time that a pharmacist,  
3 pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician administers an immunization or  
4 vaccine to an individual under the provisions of this Section, ~~the pharmacist~~ he shall  
5 also inform the individual that the administration of an immunization or vaccine  
6 under this Section is not to be construed as being in lieu of an annual checkup with  
7 the individual's primary care or family physician.

8 (1) ~~(2)~~ The pharmacist or his agent shall report each immunization to the  
9 Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health's Louisiana Immunization  
10 Network for Kids Statewide at the time of the immunization or as soon as reasonably  
11 practicable thereafter, as this is the official state vaccination record.

12 ~~(2)~~ (3) The pharmacist or his agent shall report all adverse events he  
13 observes or which are reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting  
14 System, the cooperative program of the United States Centers for Disease Control  
15 and Prevention and the United States Food and Drug Administration for vaccine  
16 safety, or its successor program; and, further, the pharmacist shall refer the patient  
17 with an adverse event to an immunization for appropriate medical care.

18 ~~(3)~~ (4) The pharmacist or his agent shall maintain for at least two years a  
19 record of each immunization administered.

20 ~~(4)~~ ~~The~~ (5) Any pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy  
21 technician who administers immunizations as authorized in this Section shall obtain  
22 the appropriate ~~credentials to administer immunizations from the board~~ education  
23 and training, as administratively defined, prior to administering any such  
24 immunization; and, further, shall retain evidence of his continuing competency for  
25 administering such immunizations as administratively defined and required by the  
26 board.

27 ~~(5)~~ (6) The pharmacist or his agent shall request the name of a patient's  
28 primary care provider prior to the administering of any immunization. If the patient  
29 identifies such primary care provider to the pharmacist or his agent, the pharmacist



- (b) Any certified pharmacy technician supervised by a pharmacist.
- (2) Decreases from seventeen years of age to three years of age the age threshold at which a person may receive immunizations and vaccines other than those for influenza from a licensee of the La. Board of Pharmacy (per proposed law, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern supervised by a pharmacist, and a certified pharmacy technician supervised by a pharmacist).

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. Adds thereto 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.

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