

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 60

BY SENATOR MILLS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PHARMACISTS. Allows a pharmacist to administer certain immunizations. (8/15/11)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1218, relative to the administration of certain immunizations;
to provide for a pharmacist to administer certain immunizations; and to provide for
related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:1218 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1218. Administration of ~~influenza immunization~~ **certain immunizations**

A. A pharmacist may administer ~~an influenza immunization~~ **certain immunizations, as provided for in Subsection B of this Section,** to any person seven years of age or older without a prescription or medical order contingent upon all of the following provisions:

(1) The pharmacist shall administer ~~influenza immunizations~~ **each immunization** in conformance with the most current annual ~~influenza~~ vaccination administration protocol as set forth by the United States ~~Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)~~ **Public Health Service** Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice **Practices** (ACIP) **to participate in the program, and to be covered by the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act.**

1 (2) The pharmacist shall report each ~~influenza~~ immunization to the Louisiana
2 Office of Public Health Health's Louisiana Immunization Registry Network for
3 Kids Statewide (LINKS) at the time of the immunization or as soon as reasonably
4 practicable thereafter, **as this is the official state vaccination record.**

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

11 (4) The pharmacist shall maintain for at least two years a record of each
12 ~~influenza~~ immunization administered.

13 (5) The pharmacist shall obtain the appropriate credential to administer
14 ~~influenza~~ immunizations from the board, as administratively defined, prior to
15 administering any such immunization.

16 **B. A pharmacist may administer any of the following vaccines, but only**
17 **in conformance with the provisions of Subsection A of this Section:**

18 **(1) Influenza.**

19 **(2) Pneumococcal.**

20 **(3) Zoster.**

21 **(4) Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids Adsorbed for Adult Use (Td).**

22 **(5) Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis**
23 **Vaccine Adsorbed (Tdap).**

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

DIGEST

Present law allows a pharmacist to administer the influenza vaccination.

Proposed law retains present law but expands the types of vaccinations which can be administered by a pharmacist to include the following:

- (1) Pneumococcal

- (2) Zoster
- (3) Tetanus and Diptheria Toxoids Adsorbed for Adult Use (Td)
- (4) Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diptheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed (Tdap)

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 37:1218)