

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)

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), **following guidance published in the Louisiana State Immunization Manual, to participate in the program, and to be**

1 **covered by the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act.**

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

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

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

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

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

19 **(1) Influenza, to any person seven years of age or older.**

20 **(2) Pneumococcal, to any person eighteen years of age or older.**

21 **(3) Zoster, to any person eighteen years of age or older.**

22 **(4) Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids Adsorbed for Adult Use (Td), to any**
23 **person eighteen years of age or older.**

24 **(5) Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis**
25 **Vaccine Adsorbed (Tdap), to any person eighteen years of age or older.**

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

DIGEST

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Present law allows a pharmacist to administer the influenza vaccination to any person seven years of age or older.

Proposed law retains present law but expands the types of vaccinations which can be administered by a pharmacist to persons 18 years of age or older to include the following:

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

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 37:1218)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill.

1. Adds provision which requires the administration of immunizations by a pharmacist to be in conformance with guidance published in the Louisiana State Immunization Manual.
2. Changes the age at which the pharmacist may administer a vaccine for Pneumococcal, Zoster, Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids Adsorbed for Adult Use (Td), and Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed (Tdap) to a person without prescription or medical order from 7 to 18 years of age.
3. Technical amendments