

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DENTAL BOARD
BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the authority of a dentist relating to the
2 prescribing and administration of certain immunizations and
3 vaccines.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 153.20, Code 2021, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **153.20 Drugs, medicine, and surgery, and vaccines and**
4 **immunizations.**

5 1. A dentist shall have the right to prescribe and
6 administer drugs or medicine, perform such surgical operations,
7 administer general or local anesthetics and use such appliances
8 as may be necessary to the proper practice of dentistry.

9 2. a. A dentist may prescribe and administer a vaccine
10 or immunization for influenza or SARS-CoV-2 to patients
11 as recommended by the United States centers for disease
12 control and prevention. A dentist shall not delegate the
13 administration of a vaccine or immunization as authorized under
14 this subsection to a dental hygienist or dental assistant.

15 b. Prior to the prescribing and administration of
16 a vaccination or immunization as authorized under this
17 subsection, a dentist shall comply with all of the following:

18 (1) Successfully complete a minimum of four hours of
19 training pertaining to the prescribing and administration of
20 vaccines or immunizations.

21 (2) Consult and review the statewide immunization registry
22 or Iowa health information network.

23 c. A dentist shall report the administration of a vaccine
24 or immunization under this subsection to the statewide
25 immunization registry or Iowa health information network.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill authorizes a dentist to prescribe and administer a
30 vaccine or immunization for influenza or SARS-CoV-2 to patients
31 as recommended by the United States centers for disease control
32 and prevention. The bill prohibits a dentist from delegating
33 the authority to administer these vaccines or immunizations
34 to a dental hygienist or dental assistant. Prior to the
35 prescribing and administration of a vaccination or immunization

1 as authorized under the bill, a dentist must successfully
2 complete a minimum of four hours of training pertaining to the
3 prescribing and administration of vaccines or immunizations and
4 consult and review the statewide immunization registry or Iowa
5 health information network. A dentist shall also report the
6 administration of a vaccine or immunization under the bill to
7 the statewide immunization registry or Iowa health information
8 network.