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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to early childhood immunizations for influenza
2 containing mercury and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 135.39B, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. ~~Beginning January 1, 2006, early~~ Early childhood
1 4 immunizations administered in this state shall not contain
1 5 more than trace amounts of mercury.
1 6 Sec. 2. Section 135.39B, subsection 3, Code 2009, is
1 7 amended to read as follows:
1 8 3. The prohibition under this section shall not apply to
1 9 early childhood immunizations ~~for influenza or~~ in times of
1 10 emergency or epidemic as determined by the director of public
1 11 health. If an emergency or epidemic is determined to exist by
1 12 the director of public health under this subsection, the
1 13 director of public health shall notify the state board of
1 14 health, the governor, and the legislative council, and shall
1 15 notify the public upon request.
1 16 EXPLANATION
1 17 This bill relates to early childhood immunizations for
1 18 influenza containing mercury.
1 19 Currently, early childhood immunizations administered in
1 20 Iowa cannot contain more than trace amounts of mercury. An
1 21 exception to this prohibition exists for early childhood
1 22 immunizations for influenza and in times of emergency or
1 23 epidemic. The bill eliminates the exception for influenza
1 24 immunizations.
1 25 A violation of these provisions is a simple misdemeanor. A
1 26 simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more
1 27 than 30 days or a fine of at least \$65 but not more than \$625
1 28 or by both.
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