

House Study Bill 118 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON MILLER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to vaccine administration by licensed
2 pharmacists.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 155A.44 Vaccine administration.

2 1. In accordance with rules adopted by the board, a licensed
3 pharmacist may administer vaccines pursuant to this section.

4 2. The board shall adopt rules requiring pharmacists to
5 complete training and establish protocols for the prescription
6 and administration of vaccines. The rules shall allow a
7 licensed pharmacist who has completed the required training
8 to administer vaccines in accordance with the rules of the
9 board. The board may adopt rules relating to the reporting of
10 the administration of vaccines to a patient's primary health
11 care provider, primary physician, or a statewide immunization
12 registry or health information exchange.

13 3. A licensed pharmacist shall only administer the
14 following vaccines to the following age categories:

15 a. Vaccination of patients ages six through ten shall
16 be limited to vaccines or immunizations for influenza, Tdap
17 (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis), and other emergency
18 immunizations or vaccines in response to a public health
19 emergency.

20 b. Vaccination of patients ages eleven through seventeen
21 shall be limited to vaccines or immunizations for influenza,
22 Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis), human papilloma
23 virus, meningococcal disease, and other emergency immunizations
24 or vaccines in response to a public health emergency.

25 c. Patients ages eighteen and older may choose to receive a
26 vaccination administered by a licensed pharmacist for any of
27 the following:

28 (1) A vaccination described in paragraph "b".

29 (2) An immunization recommended by the United States
30 centers for disease control and prevention advisory committee
31 on immunization practices in its approved vaccination schedule
32 for adults.

33 (3) A vaccine recommended by the United States centers for
34 disease control and prevention for international travel.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill allows licensed pharmacists to administer
2 vaccines. The bill provides that the board of pharmacy must
3 adopt rules requiring pharmacists to complete training and
4 establish protocols for the prescription and administration of
5 vaccines. The rules shall allow a licensed pharmacist who has
6 completed required training to administer vaccines as provided
7 by rule. The bill also allows the board to adopt rules about
8 the reporting of vaccine administration to a patient's primary
9 health care provider, primary physician, or a statewide
10 immunization registry or health information exchange.

11 A licensed pharmacist allowed to administer vaccines
12 under the bill is limited to specific vaccines for certain
13 age groups. A licensed pharmacist may administer vaccines
14 or immunizations for influenza, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria,
15 acellular pertussis), and emergency immunizations or vaccines
16 in response to a public health emergency for patients aged 6
17 through 10. A licensed pharmacist may administer immunizations
18 or vaccines for influenza, Tdap, human papilloma virus (HPV),
19 meningococcal disease, and emergency immunizations or vaccines
20 in response to a public health emergency for patients aged
21 11 through 17. A patient aged 18 or older may choose to
22 receive an immunization or vaccine from a licensed pharmacist
23 for influenza, Tdap, HPV, meningococcal disease, a vaccine
24 or immunization in response to a public health emergency,
25 an immunization recommended by the United States centers
26 for disease control and prevention advisory committee on
27 immunization practices in its approved vaccination schedule for
28 adults, or vaccines recommended by the United States centers
29 for disease control and prevention for international travel.