

**House Study Bill 71 - Introduced**

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.