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**Effective date:** \*

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**ACT SUMMARY**

- Permits a pharmacist to administer by injection specified adult immunizations, if the pharmacist completes required training and acts in accordance with a protocol established by a physician and approved by the State Board of Pharmacy.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Administration of adult immunizations by pharmacists**

(secs. 4729.01(B)(8) and 4729.41)

The act authorizes a pharmacist to administer by injection adult immunizations for influenza, pneumonia, tetanus, hepatitis A, and hepatitis B. To have this authority, a pharmacist must do all of the following:

(1) Successfully complete a course in the administration of adult immunizations that has been approved by the State Board of Pharmacy as meeting the standards established for such courses by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

(2) Receive and maintain certification to perform basic life-support procedures by successfully completing a basic life-support training course certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association;

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\* *The Legislative Service Commission had not received formal notification of the effective date at the time this analysis was prepared.*

(3) Practice in accordance with a definitive set of treatment guidelines specified in a protocol established by a physician and approved by the Board. The protocol must include provisions requiring that the pharmacist do both of the following:

(a) Observe an individual who has been immunized by the pharmacist to determine whether the individual has an adverse reaction to the immunization. The length of time and location of the observation is to be specified in rules adopted by the Board.

(b) Not later than 30 days after administering an adult immunization to an individual, notify the individual's family physician or, if the individual has no family physician, the board of health of the health district in which the individual resides.

The act prohibits a pharmacist from administering adult immunizations by injection unless the act's training and protocol requirements have been met. It also prohibits a pharmacist from delegating to another person the pharmacist's authority to administer adult immunizations.

The act requires the Board to adopt rules, including rules for approving courses and protocols. Prior to adopting rules regarding the approval of protocols, the Board must consult with the State Medical Board and the Board of Nursing. The rules must be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Revised Code Chapter 119.).

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## HISTORY

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