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Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

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Sen. Drake

BILL SUMMARY

- Permits a pharmacist to administer specified adult immunizations by injection, if the pharmacist completes training requirements and acts under a protocol established by a physician.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Administration of adult immunizations by pharmacists

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

The bill authorizes a pharmacist to administer, by injection, adult immunizations for influenza, pneumonia, tetanus, hepatitis A, and hepatitis B. To have the authority to administer these injections, 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) Successfully complete a basic life-support training course certified by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association;

(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 a provision requiring that the pharmacist, not later than 30 days after administering an adult immunization to an individual, notify the

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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 bill prohibits a pharmacist from administering adult immunizations by injection unless the bill'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 bill requires the Board to adopt rules as necessary, including rules for approving courses and protocols. The rules must be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (R.C. Chapter 119.).

COMMENT

The bill does not specify penalties for violations of the prohibitions it establishes. However, the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against a pharmacist who violates any provision of the law governing the practice of pharmacy (R.C. 4729.16). This authority would allow the Board to take action against a pharmacist who violates the bill's prohibitions.

HISTORY

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