



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 285



AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "medical assistant" means a person who (1) (A) is certified by
3 the American Association of Medical Assistants, the National
4 Healthcareer Association, the National Center for Competency Testing
5 or the American Medical Technologists, and (B) has graduated from a
6 postsecondary medical assisting program (i) accredited by the
7 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, the
8 Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools or another accrediting
9 organization recognized by the United States Department of Education,
10 or (ii) offered by an institution of higher education accredited by an
11 accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of
12 Education, or (2) has completed relevant medical assistant training
13 provided by any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

14 (b) A medical assistant may administer a vaccine under the
15 supervision, control and responsibility of a physician licensed pursuant
16 to chapter 370 of the general statutes or an advanced practice registered
17 nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes to any
18 person in any setting other than a hospital setting. Prior to
19 administering a vaccine, a medical assistant shall complete not less than

