

General Assembly

January Session, 2021

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

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- 20 twenty-four hours of classroom training and not less than eight hours of
- 21 training in a clinical setting regarding the administration of vaccines.
- 22 Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit an employer of a
- 23 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse to require the
- 24 physician or advanced practice registered nurse to oversee a medical
- 25 assistant in the administration of a vaccine without the consent of the
- 26 physician or advanced practice registered nurse.
- 27 (c) On or before January first annually, the Commissioner of Public
- 28 Health shall obtain from the American Association of Medical
- 29 Assistants, the National Healthcareer Association, the National Center
- 30 for Competency Testing and the American Medical Technologists a
- 31 listing of all state residents maintained on said organizations' registries
- 32 of certified medical assistants. The commissioner shall make such
- 33 listings available for public inspection.
- Sec. 2. Section 19a-6f of the general statutes is repealed. (Effective
- 35 *October* 1, 2021)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2021	New section
Sec 2	October 1 2021	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(c), "registry" was changed to "registries" for accuracy.

PH Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO