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SENATE BILL No. 96

DIGEST OF SB 96 (Updated February 5, 2025 1:21 pm - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 25-26.

Synopsis: Pharmacist administration of immunizations. Allows a pharmacist to administer an immunization that is recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to a group of individuals under a drug order, under a prescription, or according to a protocol approved by a physician if certain conditions are met. (Current law allows a pharmacist to administer specified immunizations to a group of individuals under a drug order, under a prescription, or according to a protocol approved by a physician if certain conditions are met.)

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.
February 6, 2025, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-26-13-31.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,
2 SECTION 239, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 31.2. (a) A pharmacist may
4 administer an immunization to an individual under a drug order or
5 prescription.
6 (b) Subject to subsection (c), a pharmacist may administer
7 immunizations for the following **an immunization that is**
8 **recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and**
9 **Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices** to a
10 group of individuals under a drug order, under a prescription, or
11 according to a protocol approved by a physician.
12 (1) ~~Influenza.~~
13 (2) ~~Shingles (herpes zoster).~~
14 (3) ~~Pneumonia.~~
15 (4) ~~Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (whooping cough).~~
16 (5) ~~Human papillomavirus (HPV) infection.~~
17 (6) ~~Meningitis.~~

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- (7) Measles, mumps, and rubella.
- (8) Varicella.
- (9) Hepatitis A.
- (10) Hepatitis B.
- (11) Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib).
- (12) Coronavirus disease.

(c) A pharmacist may administer an immunization under subsection (b) if the following requirements are met:

(1) The physician specifies in the drug order, prescription, or protocol the group of individuals to whom the immunization may be administered.

(2) The physician who writes the drug order, prescription, or protocol is licensed and actively practicing with a medical office in Indiana and not employed by a pharmacy.

(3) The pharmacist who administers the immunization is responsible for notifying, not later than fourteen (14) days after the pharmacist administers the immunization, the physician who authorized the immunization and the individual's primary care physician that the individual received the immunization.

(4) If the physician uses a protocol, the protocol may apply only to an individual or group of individuals who

(A) ~~except as provided in clause (B)~~, are at least eleven (11) years of age. ~~or~~

(B) ~~for the pneumonia immunization under subsection (b)(3)~~, are at least fifty (50) years of age.

(5) Before administering an immunization to an individual according to a protocol approved by a physician, the pharmacist must receive the consent of one (1) of the following:

(A) If the individual to whom the immunization is to be administered is at least eleven (11) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years of age, the parent or legal guardian of the individual.

(B) If the individual to whom the immunization is to be administered is at least eighteen (18) years of age but has a legal guardian, the legal guardian of the individual.

(C) If the individual to whom the immunization is to be administered is at least eighteen (18) years of age but has no legal guardian, the individual.

A parent or legal guardian who is required to give consent under this subdivision must be present at the time of immunization.

(d) If the Indiana department of health or the department of homeland security determines that an emergency exists, subject to



1 IC 16-41-9-1.7(a)(2), a pharmacist may administer any immunization
2 in accordance with:

- 3 (1) the requirements of subsection (c)(1) through (c)(3); and
4 (2) any instructions in the emergency determination.

5 (e) A pharmacist or pharmacist's designee shall provide
6 immunization data to the immunization data registry (IC 16-38-5) in a
7 manner prescribed by the Indiana department of health unless:

- 8 (1) the individual receiving the immunization;
9 (2) the parent of the individual receiving the immunization, if the
10 individual receiving the immunization is less than eighteen (18)
11 years of age; or
12 (3) the legal guardian of the individual receiving the
13 immunization, if a legal guardian has been appointed;

14 has completed and filed with the pharmacist or pharmacist's designee
15 a written immunization data exemption form, as provided in
16 IC 16-38-5-2.

17 (f) If an immunization is administered under a protocol, then the
18 name, license number, and contact information of the physician who
19 wrote the protocol must be posted in the location where the
20 immunization is administered. A copy of the protocol must be available
21 for inspection by the individual receiving the immunization.

22 (g) A pharmacist may administer an immunization that is provided
23 according to a standing order, prescription, or protocol issued under
24 this section or IC 16-19-4-11 by the state health commissioner or the
25 commissioner's designated public health authority who is a licensed
26 prescriber. If a pharmacist has received a protocol to administer an
27 immunization from a physician and that specific immunization is
28 covered by a standing order, prescription, or protocol issued by the
29 state health commissioner or the commissioner's designated public
30 health authority, the pharmacist must administer the immunization
31 according to the standing order, prescription, or protocol issued by the
32 state health commissioner or the commissioner's designated public
33 health authority.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Public Policy, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 96, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 96 as introduced.)

ALTING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

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