
DIGEST

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HB 969 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Requires nursing homes and adult residential care providers to disseminate educational information on shingles and pneumonia.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to provide nursing homes and adult residential care providers with educational information on shingles and pneumonia no later than Sept. 1 of each year and in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Proposed law requires the educational information to include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- (1) The risks associated with shingles and how to protect oneself against the varicella-zoster virus.
- (2) The risks associated with pneumonia and the availability of the pneumococcal immunization.

Proposed law requires DHH to provide the educational information through the posting of a link to its website where the information can be downloaded by the licensed nursing homes and licensed adult residential care providers.

Proposed law requires the nursing homes and adult residential care providers to disseminate the educational information to their residents.

Proposed law shall not be construed to require any nursing home or adult residential care provider to provide or pay for any immunization against the varicella-zoster virus or pneumonia.

(Adds R.S. 40:2011 and 2166.9)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Require DHH to provide the educational information to licensed nursing homes and adult residential care providers.
2. Limit the minimum required content of the educational material provided by DHH.

3. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Require DHH to provide the educational information by placing it on the internet where the information can be downloaded.
2. Make technical changes.