

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 872

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLS

PHARMACISTS: Allows pharmacists to administer influenza immunizations

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:1218, relative to the administration of influenza immunizations; to provide  
3 for allowable pharmacist services; to provide for conditions under which pharmacists  
4 may administer influenza immunizations; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1218 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1218. Administration of influenza immunization

8 A pharmacist may administer an influenza immunization to any person seven  
9 years of age or older without a prescription or medical order contingent upon all of  
10 the following provisions:

11 (1) The pharmacist shall administer influenza immunizations in conformance  
12 with the most current annual influenza vaccination administration protocol as set  
13 forth by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
14 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP).

15 (2) The pharmacist shall report each influenza immunization to the Louisiana  
16 Office of Public Health Immunization Registry at the time of the immunization or  
17 as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

18 (3) The pharmacist shall report all adverse events he observes or which are  
19 reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS), the

1        cooperative program of the CDC and the United States Food and Drug  
2        Administration for vaccine safety, or its successor program.

3                (4) The pharmacist shall maintain for at least two years a record of each  
4        influenza immunization administered.

5                (5) The pharmacist shall obtain the appropriate credential to administer  
6        influenza immunizations from the board, as administratively defined, prior to  
7        administering any such immunization.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Allows pharmacists to administer influenza immunizations to persons age seven and up.

Proposed law allows pharmacists to administer influenza immunizations to persons age seven and up if immunizations are: performed according to U.S. Centers for Disease Control guidelines; reported to the state registry for immunizations; and recorded by the pharmacist with the record maintained for two years.

Proposed law requires pharmacists to report all adverse effects observed to the appropriate authority (Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System - VAERS).

Proposed law provides that only pharmacists with the appropriate credential from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to administer influenza immunizations may do so.

(Adds R.S. 37:1218)