

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 378

BY SENATOR MILLS

PHARMACISTS. Authorizes a pharmacist in a primary health professional shortage area to administer certain vaccines. (/8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:1218.1, relative to immunizations; to provide for the administration of  
3 certain immunizations in primary care health professional shortage areas; to provide  
4 for the requirements of pharmacists administering the immunization; and to provide  
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:1218.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§1218.1. Administration of certain immunizations in primary care health**  
9 **professional shortage areas**

10 **A. In any parish designated wholly or in part as a primary care health**  
11 **professional shortage area as set forth under Section 332 of the Public Health**  
12 **Service Act, as determined by the United States Department of Health and**  
13 **Human Services, a pharmacist may administer any of the following vaccines,**  
14 **but only in conformance with the provisions of Subsection B of this Section:**

15 **(1) Pneumococcal, to any person eighteen years of age or older.**

16 **(2) Zoster, to any person fifty years of age or older.**

17 **B. The pharmacist shall administer each immunization in conformance**

1 with the most current vaccination administration as set forth by the United  
2 States Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices,  
3 following guidance published in the Louisiana State Immunization Policies and  
4 Procedures Manual, to participate in the program and to be covered by the  
5 National Vaccine Injury Compensation Fund.

6 (1)The pharmacist shall report each immunization to the Department of  
7 Health and Hospitals, office of public health's Louisiana Immunization Network  
8 for Kids Statewide at the time of the immunization or as soon as reasonably  
9 practicable thereafter, as this is the official state vaccination record.

10 (2)The pharmacist shall report all adverse events he observes or which  
11 are reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System, the  
12 cooperative program of the United States Centers for Disease Control and  
13 Prevention and the United States Food and Drug Administration for vaccine  
14 safety, or its successor program; and further, the pharmacist shall refer the  
15 patient with an adverse event to an immunization for appropriate medical care.

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

18 (4)The pharmacist shall obtain the appropriate credential to administer  
19 immunization from the board, as administratively defined, prior to  
20 administering any such immunization.

21 (5)The pharmacist shall request the name of a patient's primary care  
22 provider prior to the administering of any immunization. If the patient  
23 identifies such primary care provider to the pharmacist, the pharmacist shall  
24 notify the primary care provider, by written or electronic communication, as  
25 soon as reasonably possible thereafter that the immunization was administered.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

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#### DIGEST

##### Mills (SB 378)

Proposed law provides that in any parish, wholly or in part, designated as a primary care health professional shortage area a pharmacist may administer any of the following vaccines:

1. Pneumococcal, to any person eighteen years of age or older.
2. Zoster, to any person fifty years of age or older.

Proposed law provides that the pharmacist shall administer each immunization in conformance with the most current vaccination administration as set forth by the United States Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Proposed law provides that the pharmacist shall report each immunization to the Department of Health and Hospitals, office of public health's, Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide.

Proposed law provides that the pharmacist shall report all adverse events he observes or which are reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System.

Proposed law provides that the pharmacist shall maintain for at least two years a record of each immunization administered.

Proposed law provides that the pharmacist shall obtain the appropriate credential to administer immunization from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

Proposed law provides that the pharmacist shall request the name of a patient's primary care provider prior to the administering of any immunization and notify the provider.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 37:1218.1)

##### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

###### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Removes influenza from the vaccines list.
2. Changes age requirement for administering Zoster from eighteen years of age or older to fifty years of age or older.
3. Technical amendments.