

SENATE BILL NO. 378

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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**
18 **with the most current vaccination administration as set forth by the United**
19 **States Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices,**
20 **following guidance published in the Louisiana State Immunization Policies and**
21 **Procedures Manual, to participate in the program and to be covered by the**
22 **National Vaccine Injury Compensation Fund.**

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

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

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

9 (4)The pharmacist shall obtain the appropriate credentials to administer
 10 immunizations from the board, as administratively defined, prior to
 11 administering any such immunization.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____