

1 S.142

2 Introduced by Senator Mullin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; pharmacists; immunizations

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to enable

7 pharmacists to administer immunizations recommended by the Centers for

8 Disease Control and Prevention to individuals seven years of age and above.

9 An act relating to the administration of immunizations by pharmacists

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 2080 is added to read:

12 § 2080. ADMINISTRATION OF IMMUNIZATIONS

13 A pharmacist licensed pursuant to this chapter who has satisfied the

14 requirements established by the Vermont Board of Pharmacy by rule may

15 administer any vaccine recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and

16 Prevention to individuals seven years of age or older.

1 Sec. 2. 8 V.S.A. § 4100I is added to read:

2 § 4100I. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PHARMACIST ADMINISTERED

3 VACCINES

4 (a) A pharmacist authorized to administer vaccines pursuant to 26 V.S.A.
5 § 2080 shall be reimbursed by an individual or an individual's health insurance
6 plan for administering a vaccine at the same rate or amount as a physician
7 licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 23 or 33.

8 (b) As used in this section, "health insurance plan" means any health
9 insurance policy or any health benefit plan offered by a health insurer, as
10 defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9402, as well as Medicaid and any other public health
11 care assistance program offered or administered by the State or by any
12 subdivision or instrumentality of the State. The term shall not include policies
13 or plans providing coverage for a specific disease or other limited benefit
14 coverage.

15 Sec. 3. RULEMAKING

16 The Vermont Board of Pharmacy shall amend existing rules pursuant to
17 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to conform to the requirements of 26 V.S.A. § 2080.

18 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.