

CHAPTER 2021-127

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 768

An act relating to the administration of vaccines; amending s. 465.189, F.S.; revising the specified immunizations or vaccines that certified pharmacists and registered interns may administer to adults; authorizing certain pharmacists to administer influenza vaccines to individuals 7 years of age or older under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsections (2) through (8) of section 465.189, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3) through (9), respectively, a new subsection (2) is added to that section, and subsection (1) and present subsection (6) of that section are amended, to read:

465.189 Administration of vaccines and epinephrine autoinjection.—

(1) In accordance with guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for each recommended immunization or vaccine, a pharmacist, or a registered intern under the supervision of a pharmacist who is certified under subsection ~~(7)(6)~~, may administer the following immunizations or vaccines to an adult within the framework of an established protocol under a supervising physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459:

(a) Immunizations or vaccines listed in the Adult Immunization Schedule as of ~~April 30, 2021~~ ~~February 1, 2015~~, by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The board may authorize, by rule, additional immunizations or vaccines as they are added to the Adult Immunization Schedule.

(b) Immunizations or vaccines recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for international travel as of ~~April 30, 2021~~ ~~July 1, 2015~~. The board may authorize, by rule, additional immunizations or vaccines as they are recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for international travel.

(c) Immunizations or vaccines licensed for use in the United States, or which have been authorized for emergency use, by the United States Food and Drug Administration as of April 30, 2021. The board may authorize by rule additional immunizations or vaccines as they are so licensed or authorized.

~~(d)~~(e) Immunizations or vaccines approved by the board in response to a state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to s. 252.36.

A registered intern who administers an immunization or vaccine under this subsection must be supervised by a certified pharmacist at a ratio of one pharmacist to one registered intern.

(2) A pharmacist who is certified under subsection (7) may administer influenza vaccines to individuals 7 years of age or older within the framework of an established protocol under a supervising physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459.

~~(7)(6)~~ Any pharmacist or registered intern seeking to administer vaccines ~~to adults~~ under this section must be certified to administer such vaccines pursuant to a certification program approved by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine. The certification program shall, at a minimum, require that the pharmacist attend at least 20 hours of continuing education classes approved by the board and the registered intern complete at least 20 hours of coursework approved by the board. The program shall have a curriculum of instruction concerning the safe and effective administration of such vaccines, including, but not limited to, potential allergic reactions to such vaccines.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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