

## CHAPTER 2022-60

### Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1209

An act relating to administration of vaccines; amending s. 465.014, F.S.; authorizing registered pharmacy technicians to administer specified vaccines under certain circumstances; providing requirements for registration renewal; amending s. 465.189, F.S.; authorizing certified pharmacists to administer specified vaccines under certain circumstances; revising the immunizations or vaccines that certified pharmacists, registered interns, and registered pharmacy technicians may administer; revising the requirement for pharmacist supervision of pharmacy interns administering immunizations or vaccines and adding pharmacy technicians to the supervisory requirement; revising and providing continuing education requirements for registered pharmacy technicians; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (7) and (8) of section 465.014, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (8) and (9), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

465.014 Pharmacy technician.—

(7) A registered pharmacy technician seeking to administer vaccines under s. 465.189 must be certified to administer such vaccines pursuant to a certification program approved by the board in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine. The certification program must have at least 6 hours of immunization-related training approved by the board that shall, at a minimum, have curriculum of instruction concerning the safe and effective administration of such vaccines, including, but not limited to, potential allergic reactions to such vaccines. As a condition of registration renewal, a registered pharmacy technician seeking to administer vaccines under s. 465.189 must have at least 2 hours of continuing education approved by the board in addition to the biennial continuing education required in subsection (6).

Section 2. Subsections (1), (4), (5), and (7) of section 465.189, Florida Statutes, 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 who is certified under subsection (7) or a registered intern or a registered pharmacy technician under the supervision of such a pharmacist, ~~who is certified under subsection (7)~~ 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 March 31, 2022 ~~April 30, 2021~~, 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 March 31, 2022 ~~April 30, 2021~~. 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 March 31, 2022 ~~April 30, 2021~~. The board may authorize by rule additional immunizations or vaccines as they are so licensed or authorized.

(d) 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 or registered pharmacy technician who administers an immunization or vaccine under this subsection must be supervised by a certified pharmacist at a ratio of one pharmacist to a maximum of five ~~one~~ registered interns or registered pharmacy technicians, or a combination thereof intern.

(4) A pharmacist may not enter into a protocol under a supervising physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or administer an immunization or vaccine under this section unless he or she maintains at least \$200,000 of professional liability insurance and has completed training in administering vaccines authorized under this section.

(5) A pharmacist administering immunizations or vaccines under this section shall maintain and make available patient records using the same standards for confidentiality and maintenance of such records as those that are imposed on health care practitioners under s. 456.057. These records shall be maintained for a minimum of 5 years.

(7) Any pharmacist, ~~or registered intern~~, or registered pharmacy technician seeking to administer vaccines 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

registered pharmacy technician shall have immunization-related training and continuing education as provided in s. 465.014. The certification programs ~~program~~ shall, at a minimum, 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 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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