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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to pharmacy; amending s. 465.189,  
3           F.S.; authorizing a registered intern under the  
4           supervision of a pharmacist to administer specified  
5           vaccines to an adult; revising which vaccines may be  
6           administered by a pharmacist or registered intern  
7           under the supervision of a pharmacist; requiring a  
8           specified ratio for such supervision; requiring a  
9           registered intern seeking to administer vaccines to be  
10          certified to administer such vaccines and to complete  
11          a minimum amount of coursework; providing an effective  
12          date.

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

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16           Section 1. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 465.189,  
17 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

18           465.189 Administration of vaccines and epinephrine  
19 autoinjection.—

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



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

32           (b) Immunizations or vaccines recommended by the United  
33 States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for  
34 international travel as of July 1, 2015. The board may  
35 authorize, by rule, additional immunizations or vaccines as they  
36 are recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control  
37 and Prevention for international travel ~~Pneumococcal vaccine.~~

38           (c) Immunizations or vaccines approved by the board in  
39 response to a state of emergency declared by the Governor  
40 pursuant to s. 252.36 ~~Meningococcal vaccine.~~

41           ~~(d) Shingles vaccine.~~

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

47           (6) Any pharmacist or registered intern seeking to  
48 administer vaccines to adults under this section must be  
49 certified to administer such vaccines pursuant to a  
50 certification program approved by the Board of Pharmacy in  
51 consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Board of  
52 Osteopathic Medicine. The certification program shall, at a



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53 | minimum, require that the pharmacist attend at least 20 hours of  
54 | continuing education classes approved by the board and the  
55 | registered intern complete at least 20 hours of coursework  
56 | approved by the board. The program shall have a curriculum of  
57 | instruction concerning the safe and effective administration of  
58 | such vaccines, including, but not limited to, potential allergic  
59 | reactions to such vaccines.

60 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.