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An act relating to pharmacy; amending s. 465.189, F.S.; authorizing a registered intern under the supervision of a pharmacist to administer specified vaccines to an adult; revising which vaccines may be administered by a pharmacist or registered intern under the supervision of a pharmacist; requiring a specified ratio for such supervision; requiring a registered intern seeking to administer vaccines to be certified to administer such vaccines and to complete a minimum amount of coursework; providing an effective date.

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

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

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465.189 Administration of vaccines and epinephrine autoinjection.—

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(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 (6), may administer the following vaccines to an adult within the framework of an established protocol under a supervising

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physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459:

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- Immunization Schedule as of 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 Influenza vaccine.
- (b) Immunizations or vaccines recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for international travel as of 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 Pneumococcal vaccine.
- (c) <u>Immunizations or vaccines approved by the board in</u> response to a state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to s. 252.36 <u>Meningococcal vaccine</u>.
  - (d) Shingles vaccine.

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.

(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

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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, 2015.

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