

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 332

INTRODUCER: Senator Grimsley

SUBJECT: Nursing Home Facility Pneumococcal Vaccination Requirements

DATE: January 28, 2015

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Looke	Stovall	HP	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

SB 332 removes the requirement that nursing homes vaccinate eligible new admissions with the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccination (PPV) and instead allows eligible new admissions to be vaccinated with any pneumococcal vaccination that is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

II. Present Situation:

Pneumococcal Disease and Vaccines

Pneumococcal disease is a bacterium known as *Streptococcus pneumoniae* which can cause severe infections of the lungs (pneumonia), bloodstream (bacteremia), and lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis).¹ Pneumococcal disease is spread from person to person by direct contact with respiratory secretions, like saliva and mucus. Each year in the United States, pneumococcal disease kills 18,000 adults age 65 and older and thousands more end up in the hospital.²

Currently, the CDC recommends two vaccines to prevent pneumococcal disease, PPV and pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13).³ PCV13 protects against 13 strains of pneumonia and PPV protects against 23 strains.⁴ Both vaccines protect against illness such as meningitis and bacteremia while PCV13 also provides protection against pneumonia.⁵ Section 400.141, F.S., specifically requires nursing homes to vaccinate new residents with PPV within 60 days of admission, subject to some exceptions.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Adults: Protect Yourself with Pneumococcal Vaccines*, (Sep. 2014) <http://www.cdc.gov/features/adult-pneumococcal/> (last visited Jan. 28, 2015).

² Id.

³ Id.

⁴ Id.

⁵ Id.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 332 amends s. 400.141, F.S., to remove the requirement that nursing homes vaccinate eligible new admissions with the PPV and instead allows eligible new admissions to be vaccinated with any pneumococcal vaccination that is recommended by the CDC.

The bill establishes an effective date of July 1, 2015.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

Nursing homes and nursing home residents may see a positive fiscal impact due to having additional pneumococcal vaccination options from which to choose.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 400.141 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

- B. **Amendments:**

None.

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