

1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to administration of vaccines;  
 3 amending s. 465.014, F.S.; authorizing registered  
 4 pharmacy technicians to administer specified vaccines  
 5 under certain circumstances; providing requirements  
 6 for registration renewal; amending s. 465.189, F.S.;  
 7 authorizing certified pharmacists to administer  
 8 specified vaccines under certain circumstances;  
 9 revising the immunizations or vaccines that certified  
 10 pharmacists, registered interns, and registered  
 11 pharmacy technicians may administer; revising and  
 12 providing continuing education requirements for  
 13 registered pharmacy technicians; providing that the  
 14 Board of Pharmacy may authorize by rule a staffing  
 15 ratio for a registered pharmacy technician to  
 16 administer certain immunizations or vaccines;  
 17 providing an effective date.

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

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

25 465.014 Pharmacy technician.—

26        (7) A registered pharmacy technician seeking to administer  
 27 vaccines under s. 465.189 must have at least 6 hours of  
 28 immunization-related training approved by the board or the  
 29 Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education that shall, at a  
 30 minimum, have curriculum of instruction concerning the safe and  
 31 effective administration of such vaccines, including, but not  
 32 limited to, potential allergic reactions to such vaccines. As a  
 33 condition of registration renewal, a registered pharmacy  
 34 technician seeking to administer vaccines under s. 465.189 must  
 35 have at least 2 hours of continuing education approved by the  
 36 board or the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education in  
 37 addition to the biennial continuing education required in  
 38 subsection (6).

39        Section 2. Subsections (1), (4), (5), and (7) of section  
 40 465.189, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

41        465.189 Administration of vaccines and epinephrine  
 42 autoinjection.—

43        (1) In accordance with guidelines of the Centers for  
 44 Disease Control and Prevention for each recommended immunization  
 45 or vaccine, a pharmacist who is certified under subsection (7)  
 46 may administer the following vaccines to an adult within the  
 47 framework of an established protocol under a supervising  
 48 physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459. ~~or~~ A  
 49 registered intern or a registered pharmacy technician under the  
 50 supervision of a pharmacist who is certified under subsection

51 (7) may administer the following immunizations or vaccines to an  
 52 adult within the framework of an established protocol under a  
 53 supervising physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459:

54 (a) Immunizations or vaccines listed in the Adult  
 55 Immunization Schedule as of March 31, 2022 ~~April 30, 2021~~, by  
 56 the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
 57 The board may authorize by rule additional immunizations or  
 58 vaccines as they are added to the Adult Immunization Schedule.

59 (b) Immunizations or vaccines recommended by the United  
 60 States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for  
 61 international travel as of March 31, 2022 ~~April 30, 2021~~. The  
 62 board may authorize by rule additional immunizations or vaccines  
 63 as they are recommended by the United States Centers for Disease  
 64 Control and Prevention for international travel.

65 (c) Immunizations or vaccines licensed for use in the  
 66 United States, or which have been authorized for emergency use,  
 67 by the United States Food and Drug Administration as of March  
 68 31, 2022 ~~April 30, 2021~~. The board may authorize by rule  
 69 additional immunizations or vaccines as they are so licensed or  
 70 authorized.

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

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 75 A registered intern who administers an immunization or vaccine

76 | under this subsection must be supervised by a certified  
 77 | pharmacist at a ratio of one pharmacist to one registered  
 78 | intern. The board may authorize by rule the ratio of one  
 79 | certified pharmacist to no more than six registered pharmacy  
 80 | technicians, specific to the administration of vaccines.

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

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

93 | (7) Any pharmacist, ~~or~~ registered intern, or registered  
 94 | pharmacy technician seeking to administer vaccines under this  
 95 | section must be certified to administer such vaccines pursuant  
 96 | to a certification program approved by the board ~~of Pharmacy~~ in  
 97 | consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Board of  
 98 | Osteopathic Medicine. The certification program shall, at a  
 99 | minimum, require that the pharmacist attend at least 20 hours of  
 100 | continuing education classes approved by the board and the

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101 registered intern complete at least 20 hours of coursework  
102 approved by the board. The registered pharmacy technician shall  
103 have immunization-related training and continuing education as  
104 provided in s. 465.014. The certification programs ~~program~~  
105 shall, at a minimum, have a curriculum of instruction concerning  
106 the safe and effective administration of such vaccines,  
107 including, but not limited to, potential allergic reactions to  
108 such vaccines.

109 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.