

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 the
 12 requirement for pharmacist supervision of pharmacy
 13 interns administering immunizations or vaccines and
 14 adding pharmacy technicians to the supervisory
 15 requirement; revising and providing continuing
 16 education requirements for registered pharmacy
 17 technicians; 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 be certified to administer such
 28 vaccines pursuant to a certification program approved by the
 29 board in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Board
 30 of Osteopathic Medicine. The certification program must have at
 31 least 6 hours of immunization-related training approved by the
 32 board that shall, at a minimum, have curriculum of instruction
 33 concerning the safe and effective administration of such
 34 vaccines, including, but not limited to, potential allergic
 35 reactions to such vaccines. As a condition of registration
 36 renewal, a registered pharmacy technician seeking to administer
 37 vaccines under s. 465.189 must have at least 2 hours of
 38 continuing education approved by the board in addition to the
 39 biennial continuing education required in subsection (6).

40 Section 2. Subsections (1), (4), (5), and (7) of section
 41 465.189, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

42 465.189 Administration of vaccines and epinephrine
 43 autoinjection.—

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

51 | protocol under a supervising physician licensed under chapter
52 | 458 or chapter 459:

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

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

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

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

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74 | A registered intern or registered pharmacy technician who
75 | administers an immunization or vaccine under this subsection

76 | must be supervised by a certified pharmacist at a ratio of one
 77 | pharmacist to a maximum of five ~~one~~ registered interns or
 78 | registered pharmacy technicians, or a combination thereof
 79 | intern.

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

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

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

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

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