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 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.—

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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

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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

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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

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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.