

By Senator Burgess

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to administration of vaccines;
3 amending s. 465.014, F.S.; specifying training
4 requirements for registered pharmacy technicians
5 seeking to administer certain immunizations and
6 vaccines; providing requirements for such training;
7 requiring such registered pharmacy technicians to
8 complete certain additional continuing education as a
9 condition of registration renewal; amending s.
10 465.189, F.S.; authorizing certified registered
11 pharmacy technicians to administer specified
12 immunizations and vaccines under certain
13 circumstances; revising the specified immunizations
14 and vaccines that certified pharmacists, registered
15 interns, and registered pharmacy technicians may
16 administer; revising a certain staffing ratio for
17 supervising pharmacists; requiring pharmacists to
18 maintain certain liability insurance in a specified
19 amount in order to administer immunizations and
20 vaccines; specifying certification requirements for
21 registered pharmacy technicians seeking to administer
22 immunizations and vaccines; providing an effective
23 date.

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

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27 Section 1. Present subsections (7) and (8) of section
28 465.014, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (8)
29 and (9), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to that

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30 section, to read:

31 465.014 Pharmacy technician.—

32 (7) A registered pharmacy technician seeking to administer
33 immunizations and vaccines under s. 465.189 must have at least
34 20 hours of immunization-related training approved by the board
35 or the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education which must,
36 at a minimum, have a curriculum of instruction concerning the
37 safe and effective administration of immunizations and vaccines
38 specified in s. 465.189(1), including, but not limited to,
39 potential allergic reactions to such immunizations and vaccines.
40 As a condition of registration renewal, a registered pharmacy
41 technician seeking to administer vaccines under s. 465.189 must
42 complete at least 2 hours of continuing education approved by
43 the board or the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education in
44 addition to the biennial continuing education required by
45 subsection (6).

46 Section 2. Subsections (1), (4), (5), and (7) of section
47 465.189, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

48 465.189 Administration of vaccines and epinephrine
49 autoinjection.—

50 (1) In accordance with guidelines of the Centers for
51 Disease Control and Prevention for each recommended immunization
52 or vaccine, a pharmacist who is certified under subsection (7),
53 or a registered intern or registered pharmacy technician who is
54 under the supervision of a pharmacist and ~~who~~ is certified under
55 subsection (7), may administer the following immunizations or
56 vaccines to an adult within the framework of an established
57 protocol under a supervising physician licensed under chapter
58 458 or chapter 459:

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59 (a) Immunizations or vaccines listed in the Adult
60 Immunization Schedule as of March 11, 2022 ~~April 30, 2021~~, by
61 the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
62 The board may authorize by rule additional immunizations or
63 vaccines as they are added to the Adult Immunization Schedule.

64 (b) Immunizations or vaccines recommended by the United
65 States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for
66 international travel as of March 11, 2022 ~~April 30, 2021~~. The
67 board may authorize by rule additional immunizations or vaccines
68 as they are recommended by the United States Centers for Disease
69 Control and Prevention for international travel.

70 (c) Immunizations or vaccines licensed for use in the
71 United States, or which have been authorized for emergency use,
72 by the United States Food and Drug Administration as of March
73 11, 2022 ~~April 30, 2021~~. The board may authorize by rule
74 additional immunizations or vaccines as they are so licensed or
75 authorized.

76 (d) Immunizations or vaccines approved by the board in
77 response to a state of emergency declared by the Governor
78 pursuant to s. 252.36.

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80 A registered intern or registered pharmacy technician who
81 administers an immunization or vaccine under this subsection
82 must be supervised by a certified pharmacist at a ratio of one
83 pharmacist to one registered intern or registered pharmacy
84 technician.

85 (4) A pharmacist may not enter into a protocol under a
86 supervising physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459
87 or administer an immunization or vaccine under this section

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88 unless he or she maintains at least \$200,000 of professional
89 liability insurance and has completed training in administering
90 vaccines authorized under this section.

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

97 (7) Any pharmacist, ~~or~~ registered intern, or registered
98 pharmacy technician seeking to administer immunizations and
99 vaccines under this section must be certified to administer such
100 immunizations and vaccines pursuant to a certification program
101 approved by the board ~~of Pharmacy~~ in consultation with the Board
102 of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine. The
103 certification program must ~~shall~~, at a minimum, require that the
104 pharmacist attend at least 20 hours of continuing education
105 classes approved by the board, ~~and~~ the registered intern
106 complete at least 20 hours of coursework approved by the board,
107 and the registered pharmacy technician complete immunization-
108 related training and continuing education as specified in s.
109 465.014(7). The certification programs must, at a minimum,
110 ~~program shall~~ have a curriculum of instruction concerning the
111 safe and effective administration of such immunizations and
112 vaccines, including, but not limited to, potential allergic
113 reactions to such vaccines.

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