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3 House/Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_

4 By Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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6 VACCINES/VACCINATION: Provides relative to administration of immunizations and  
7 vaccines by pharmacists and other licensees of the La. Board of Pharmacy.

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9 AN ACT

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11 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1218 and 1218.1(A), relative to administration of immunizations  
12 and vaccines by pharmacists and other licensees of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; to  
13 decrease the minimum age at which a person may receive an immunization or vaccine  
14 from certain licensees of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; to establish requirements and  
15 standards for certain licensees of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy relative to  
16 administration of immunizations and vaccines; to make technical changes and  
17 corrections; and to provide for related matters.

18 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

19 Section 1. R.S. 37:1218 and R.S. 37:1218.1(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
20 read as follows:

21 §1218. Administration of influenza immunization

22 A pharmacist, a pharmacy intern supervised by a pharmacist, or a certified  
23 pharmacy technician supervised by a pharmacist may administer an influenza  
24 immunization to any person seven years of age or older without a prescription or

medical order contingent upon all of the following provisions:

(1) The pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician shall administer influenza immunizations in conformance with the most current annual influenza vaccination administration protocol as set forth by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ~~(CDC)~~ Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice ~~(ACIP)~~.

(2) The pharmacist or his agent shall report each influenza immunization to the ~~Louisiana Office of Public Health Immunization Registry~~ Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide system of the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health at the time of the immunization or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

(3) The pharmacist or his agent shall report all adverse events he observes or which are reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse ~~Events~~ Event Reporting System ~~(VAERS)~~, the cooperative program of the ~~CDC~~ United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United States Food and Drug Administration for vaccine safety, or its successor program; and, further, the pharmacist shall refer the patient with an adverse event to the influenza immunization for appropriate medical care.

(4) The pharmacist or his agent shall maintain for at least two years a record of each influenza immunization administered.

(5) The pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician shall obtain the appropriate ~~credential to administer influenza immunizations from the board~~ education and training, as administratively defined, prior to administering any such immunization; and, further, shall retain evidence of his continuing competency

49 for administering such immunizations as administratively defined and required by  
50 the board.

51 §1218.1. Administration of immunizations and vaccines other than influenza  
52 immunizations

53 A.(1) A pharmacist, a pharmacy intern supervised by a pharmacist, or a  
54 certified pharmacy technician supervised by a pharmacist may administer to an  
55 individual age ~~seventeen~~ seven or older an immunization or a vaccine without a  
56 patient-specific prescription or medical order if the immunization or the vaccine is  
57 administered in conformance with the most current immunization administration protocol  
58 as set forth by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
59 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice. At the time that a pharmacist,  
60 pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy technician administers an immunization or  
61 vaccine to an individual under the provisions of this Section, ~~the pharmacist~~ he shall  
62 also inform the individual that the administration of an immunization or vaccine  
63 under this Section is not to be construed as being in lieu of an annual checkup with  
64 the individual's primary care or family physician. Pharmacies shall display signage  
65 in the immunization areas that inform parents and guardians of the importance of  
66 annual pediatric well-child visits.

67 ~~(1)~~ (2) The pharmacist or his agent shall report each immunization to the  
68 Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health's Louisiana Immunization  
69 Network for Kids Statewide at the time of the immunization or as soon as reasonably  
70 practicable thereafter, as this is the official state vaccination record.

71 ~~(2)~~ (3) The pharmacist or his agent shall report all adverse events he  
72 observes or which are reported to him to the Vaccine Adverse ~~Events~~ Event Reporting

73 System, the cooperative program of the United States Centers for Disease Control  
74 and Prevention and the United States Food and Drug Administration for vaccine  
75 safety, or its successor program; and, further, the pharmacist shall refer the patient  
76 with an adverse event to an immunization for appropriate medical care.

77 ~~(3)~~ (4) The pharmacist or his agent shall maintain for at least two years a  
78 record of each immunization administered.

79 ~~(4)~~ (5) Any pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or certified pharmacy  
80 technician who administers immunizations as authorized in this Section shall obtain  
81 the appropriate ~~credentials to administer immunizations from the board~~ education  
82 and training, as administratively defined, prior to administering any such  
83 immunization; and, further, shall retain evidence of his continuing competency for  
84 administering such immunizations as administratively defined and required by the  
85 board.

86 ~~(5)~~ (6) The pharmacist or his agent shall request the name of a patient's  
87 primary care provider prior to the administering of any immunization. If the patient  
88 identifies such primary care provider to the pharmacist or his agent, the pharmacist  
89 or his agent shall notify the primary care provider, by written or electronic  
90 communication, as soon as reasonably possible thereafter that the immunization was  
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