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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

Introduced By: Representatives McGaw, Donovan, Kislak, Casimiro, Cotter, Fogarty,
Carson, Batista, Potter, and Boylan

Date Introduced: February 12, 2025

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

(Dept. of Health)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-19.1-31 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-19.1 entitled
2 "Pharmacies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-19.1-31. Administration of influenza immunizations to individuals between the ages**
4 **of nine (9) years and eighteen (18) years, inclusive Administration of influenza and COVID-**
5 **19 immunizations to individuals between the ages of nine (9) years and eighteen (18) years,**
6 **inclusive.**

7 (a) Parental consent shall be required for all pharmacist-administered immunizations for
8 individuals under the age of eighteen (18) years.

9 (b) The department of health shall require a pharmacist who is authorized to administer
10 influenza and COVID-19 immunizations to individuals between the ages of nine (9) years and
11 eighteen (18) years, inclusive, pursuant to § 5-19.1-2, to electronically report to the department all
12 immunizations administered within seven (7) days of administration in the format and for the
13 populations required by the department.

14 (c)(1) The department of health shall require a pharmacist who is authorized to administer
15 influenza and COVID-19 immunizations to individuals between the ages of nine (9) years and
16 eighteen (18) years, inclusive, pursuant to § 5-19.1-2 to provide notification of a patient's
17 immunization to the patient's primary care provider, if known, within fourteen (14) days of
18 administration.

19 (2) The department of health's rules and regulations shall include provisions to ensure that

1 the administering pharmacist make a good-faith effort to obtain information relating to the identity
2 of a patient's primary care provider or primary care practice, for the purposes of fulfilling the
3 reporting requirements of subsection (c)(1) herein. If a patient does not have an existing relationship
4 with a primary care provider or primary care practice, the administering pharmacist shall proceed
5 with the reporting requirements contained in subsection (b) [of this section](#).

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would include the COVID-19 immunization under the consent and reporting
2 provisions required for pharmacy administered immunizations to individuals between nine (9) and
3 eighteen (18) years of age.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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