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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

Introduced By: Senators Britto, Lawson, Murray, Tikoian, Urso, Dimitri, LaMountain, Ciccone, and Ruggerio  
Date Introduced: February 05, 2025  
Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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 three (3) 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)~~ three (3) years
- 11 and eighteen (18) years, inclusive, pursuant to § 5-19.1-2, to electronically report to the department
- 12 all 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)~~ three (3) years
- 16 and 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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- 1           This act would include the COVID-19 immunization under the consent and reporting  
2   provisions required for pharmacy administered immunizations to individuals between three (3) and  
3   eighteen (18) years of age.  
4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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