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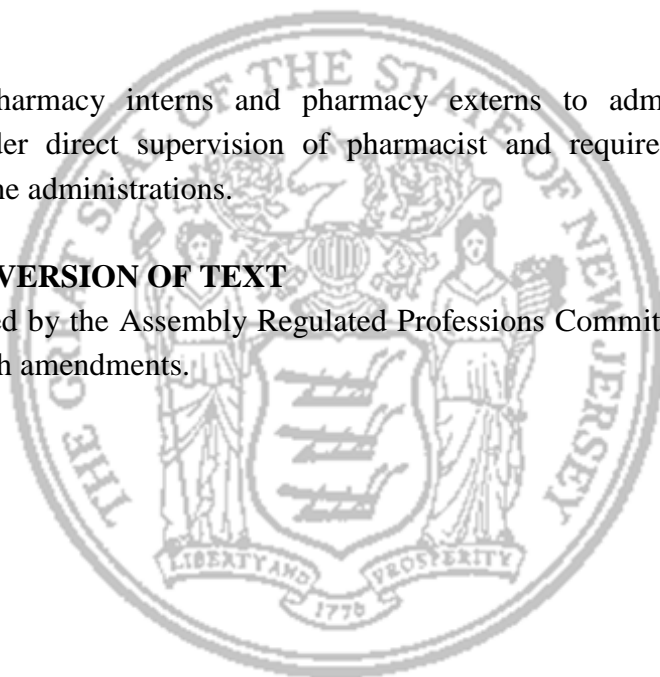
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SYNOPSIS

Allows pharmacy interns and pharmacy externs to administer certain vaccines under direct supervision of pharmacist and requires reporting of certain vaccine administrations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Regulated Professions Committee on October 15, 2018, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning certain vaccines, pharmacy interns and
2 pharmacy externs, and amending P.L.2003, c.280.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 24 of P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-63) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 24. a. No pharmacist shall administer a prescription medication
10 directly to a patient without appropriate education or certification,
11 as determined by the board in accordance with the requirements set
12 forth in the rules jointly promulgated by the board and the State
13 Board of Medical Examiners. Such medication shall only be for the
14 treatment of a disease for which a nationally certified program is in
15 effect, or as determined by the board, and only if utilized for the
16 treatment of that disease for which the medication is prescribed or
17 indicated or for which the collaborative drug therapy management
18 permits.

19 b. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
20 contrary, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy extern may
21 administer drugs to a patient 18 years of age or older, provided the
22 pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy extern is appropriately
23 educated and qualified, as determined by the board in accordance
24 with the requirements set forth in the rules jointly promulgated by
25 the board and the State Board of Medical Examiners, and provided
26 the drugs are administered under any one of the following
27 conditions:

28 (a) pursuant to a prescription by an authorized prescriber for a
29 vaccine and related emergency medications;

30 (b) in immunization programs implemented pursuant to an
31 authorized prescriber's standing order for the vaccine and related
32 emergency medications; or

33 (c) in immunization programs and programs sponsored by
34 governmental agencies that are not patient specific.

35 (2) A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy extern may
36 administer an influenza vaccine to a patient who is seven years of
37 age or older. For a patient who is under 18 years of age, a
38 pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy extern shall not
39 administer a vaccine except with the permission of the patient's
40 parent or legal guardian. For a patient who is under **[12]** 10 years
41 of age, a pharmacist, pharmacy intern^{1, 1} or pharmacy extern shall
42 not administer a vaccine unless pursuant to a prescription by an
43 authorized prescriber. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly ARP committee amendments adopted October 15, 2018.

1 to require a patient ~~12~~ 10 years of age or older to obtain a
2 prescription for an influenza vaccine.

3 (3) A pharmacy intern or pharmacy extern, as defined by
4 regulation of the 'New Jersey' State Board of Pharmacy, may
5 administer immunizations to patients by injection or by other
6 delivery method, provided that the pharmacy intern or pharmacy
7 extern is acting under the direct supervision of a licensed
8 pharmacist who ~~1~~ is¹ pre-approved by the 'New Jersey'
9 State Board of Pharmacy to administer vaccines and related
10 emergency medications, and who is in compliance with the rules
11 jointly promulgated by the 'New Jersey' State Board of Pharmacy
12 and the State Board of Medical Examiners.

13 ¹c. An immunization administered to a patient by a pharmacist,
14 pharmacy intern, or pharmacy extern shall be reported by a
15 supervising pharmacist to the New Jersey Immunization
16 Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004,
17 c.138 (C.26:4-134) as required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for
18 inclusion in the patient's registry.¹

19 (cf: P.L.2013, c.254, s.1)

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21 2. The New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the State
22 Board of Medical Examiners may, pursuant to the "Administrative
23 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt rules
24 and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of
25 this act.

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27 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
28 next following the date of enactment.