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SYNOPSIS

Permits dentists to administer vaccines under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Health Committee on January 13, 2021, with

amendments.



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A5212 [1R] CONAWAY, VERRELLI

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AN ACT concerning vaccines and supplementing Title 45 of the
 Revised Statutes.

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- **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:
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1. a. ¹[A] <u>If a</u>¹ dentist ¹[may administer immunizations to
patients by injection or by other delivery methods if the dentist]¹ is
approved by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry to administer
¹<u>human papillomavirus or influenza</u>¹ vaccines and related emergency
medications and if the dentist is in compliance with rules promulgated
by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry and the State Board of
Medical Examiners¹[.

b. A] <u>, the</u>¹ dentist may administer an influenza vaccine 1 <u>or a</u> 14 human papillomavirus vaccine¹ to a patient who is ¹[seven years of 15 age or older. For a patient who is under]¹ 18 years of age ¹[, a dentist 16 17 shall not administer a vaccine except with the permission of the 18 patient's parent or legal guardian. For a patient who is under 10 years 19 of age, a dentist shall not administer a vaccine unless pursuant to a prescription by an authorized prescriber. Nothing in this section shall 20 be construed to require a patient 10 years of age **]**¹ or older ¹[to obtain 21 22 a prescription for an influenza vaccine].

23 b. The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry may certify a dentist 24 to administer immunizations to patients who are 18 years of age or 25 older during a public health emergency declared pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.) 26 27 which are intended to prevent or reduce the transmission of the disease that is the basis for the declared public health emergency, regardless of 28 29 whether the board has adopted rules and regulations implementing the 30 provisions of this act.¹

c. An immunization administered to a patient by a dentist shall be
reported by the dentist to the New Jersey Immunization Information
System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.138 (C.26:4134) as required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for inclusion in the
patient's registry.

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2. The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry and the State
Board of Medical Examiners shall adopt rules and regulations, in
accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), which are necessary to effectuate the
provisions of this act.

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3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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 <u>thus</u> is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHE committee amendments adopted January 13, 2021.