

HOUSE BILL 1135

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ENROLLED BILL
— Health/Finance —

Introduced by **Delegates Lopez, Fraser-Hidalgo, Kaufman, Solomon, Vogel, Wims, Wolek, and ~~Woorman~~ Woorman, Alston, Bagnall, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Martinez, Rosenberg, Ross, Taveras, and White Holland**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Vaccination Orders**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a pharmacist to order certain vaccinations for individuals
4 who are at least a certain age without having to also administer the vaccination; and
5 generally relating to the ordering of vaccinations by pharmacists.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Health Occupations
8 Section 12–508
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Health Occupations**

4 12–508.

5 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, a pharmacist may order
6 ~~[and] A VACCINATION FOR INTRANASAL ADMINISTRATION OR~~ administer a vaccination
7 to an individual who is at least 3 years old if:

8 (i) The vaccine is:

- 9 1. An influenza vaccine;
- 10 2. A COVID–19 vaccine; or
- 11 3. Used in response to a public health emergency;

12 (ii) The pharmacist has completed a practical training program of at
13 least 20 hours that is approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and
14 includes:

- 15 1. Hands–on injection techniques;
- 16 2. Clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of
17 vaccines; and
- 18 3. The recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to
19 vaccines;

20 (iii) The pharmacist has a current certificate in basic
21 cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

22 (iv) The pharmacist has completed a minimum of 2 hours of
23 continuing pharmaceutical education related to immunizations that is approved by the
24 Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as part of the license renewal requirements
25 under § 12–309 of this title;

26 (v) The pharmacist complies with the record–keeping and reporting
27 requirements in paragraph (5) of this subsection and any corresponding regulations
28 adopted by the Board; and

29 (vi) If the vaccination is administered to an individual under the age
30 of 18 years, ~~OR ORDERED FOR INTRANASAL ADMINISTRATION BY AN ADULT~~
31 ~~CAREGIVER A PARENT OR GUARDIAN AN ADULT CAREGIVER TO AN INDIVIDUAL~~

1 **UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS**, the pharmacist informs the child vaccination patient and
2 adult caregiver who is accompanying the child of the importance of well-child visits with a
3 pediatric primary care provider and refers the patient to a pediatric primary care provider
4 when appropriate.

5 (2) Subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, a pharmacist who has met
6 the requirement of paragraph (1)(ii) through (vi) of this subsection may administer to an
7 individual who is at least 7 years old a vaccination that is:

8 (i) Recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and
9 Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; or

10 (ii) Approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug
11 Administration.

12 (3) Subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, a pharmacist who has met
13 the requirement of paragraph (1)(ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subsection may administer to an
14 adult a vaccination that is recommended in the Centers for Disease Control and
15 Prevention's Health Information for International Travel.

16 (4) (i) A pharmacist shall **ORDER OR** administer a vaccination under
17 paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection under a written protocol that:

18 1. Is vaccine specific; and

19 2. Meets criteria established by the Department, in
20 consultation with the Board, the Board of Physicians, and the Board of Nursing, in
21 regulation.

22 (ii) The recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and
23 Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices cited in this section refer to
24 federal statutes, rules, and guidance in effect:

25 1. On December 31, 2024; or

26 2. At a later date to account for any new vaccines
27 recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on
28 Immunization Practices after December 31, 2024.

29 (5) A pharmacist shall:

30 (i) Report all vaccinations administered **OR ORDERED** by the
31 pharmacist, ~~INCLUDING THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OF EACH VACCINATION ORDERED~~
32 ~~BY THE PHARMACIST,~~ to the ImmuNet Program established under § 18-109 of the
33 Health – General Article;

1 (ii) If the vaccination has been administered in accordance with a
 2 prescription, document at least one effort to inform the individual's authorized prescriber
 3 that the vaccination has been administered; and

4 (iii) Except for an influenza vaccination administered under
 5 paragraph (1) of this subsection, if the authorized prescriber is not the individual's primary
 6 care provider or if the vaccination has not been administered in accordance with a
 7 prescription, document at least one effort to inform the individual's primary care provider
 8 or other usual source of care that the vaccination has been administered.

9 (b) The Board shall:

10 (1) Set reasonable fees for the administration of vaccinations under this
 11 section; and

12 (2) Adopt regulations that require a pharmacist to submit a registration
 13 form to the Board that includes verification that the pharmacist:

14 (i) Has successfully completed a certification course approved by the
 15 Board that included instruction in the guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for
 16 Disease Control and Prevention regarding vaccinations in effect on December 31, 2024; and

17 (ii) Is certified in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation and obtained
 18 the certification through in-person classroom instruction.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 20 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.