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SYNOPSIS

Permits dentists to administer vaccines under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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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. a. A dentist may administer immunizations to patients by
8 injection or by other delivery methods if the dentist is approved by
9 the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry to administer vaccines and
10 related emergency medications and if the dentist is in compliance
11 with rules promulgated by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry
12 and the State Board of Medical Examiners.

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

22 c. An immunization administered to a patient by a dentist shall
23 be reported by the dentist to the New Jersey Immunization
24 Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004,
25 c.138 (C.26:4-134) as required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for
26 inclusion in the patient's registry.

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

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34 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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37 STATEMENT

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39 This bill permits dentists to administer vaccines under certain
40 circumstances.

41 The bill provides that a dentist may administer immunizations to
42 patients by injection or by other delivery methods if the dentist is
43 approved by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry to administer
44 vaccines and related emergency medications and if the dentist is in
45 compliance with rules promulgated by the New Jersey State Board
46 of Dentistry and the State Board of Medical Examiners.

47 Under the bill, a dentist may administer an influenza vaccine to a
48 patient who is seven years of age or older. For a patient who is

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1 under 18 years of age, a dentist is not to administer a vaccine except
2 with the permission of the patient's parent or legal guardian. For a
3 patient who is under 10 years of age, a dentist is not to administer a
4 vaccine unless pursuant to a prescription by an authorized
5 prescriber. Nothing in this bill is to be construed to require a
6 patient 10 years of age or older to obtain a prescription for an
7 influenza vaccine.