

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1135

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By: *Senator Gilmore*

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES AND IMMUNIZATIONS; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF PHARMACY" TO ALLOW PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES OR IMMUNIZATIONS TO A PERSON WHO IS THREE (3) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES AND IMMUNIZATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-92-101(17)(C), concerning the definition of "practice of pharmacy" relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, is amended to read as follows:

(C)(i) The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy may permit pharmacy technicians other than pharmacists or interns to perform some or all of those functions described in Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy rules under the direct, personal supervision of a licensed pharmacist ~~pursuant to~~ under rules defining the minimum qualifications of such employees, the ratio of pharmacy technicians to supervising pharmacists, and the scope of the duties, practices, and procedures that the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy determines will promote the delivery of competent, professional pharmaceutical services and promote the public health and welfare. ~~Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as allowing pharmacy technicians to~~



~~administer medications.~~

(ii) A pharmacy technician may administer vaccines and immunizations to a person three (3) years of age or older if delegated to do so by a supervising pharmacist, but may not administer other medications.

(iii) The conduct of a pharmacy technician is the responsibility of the pharmacist-in-charge and supervising pharmacist of the pharmacy who shall not permit the employee to perform any act, task, or function that involves the exercise of independent judgment by the employee.

~~(iii)~~(iv) Pharmacy products prepared by pharmacy technicians shall be verified for accuracy by the supervising pharmacist before release for patient use, and the verification shall be documented.

~~(iv)~~(v) The use of pharmacy technicians in a manner not authorized by this chapter or rules promulgated hereunder shall be unprofessional conduct by the pharmacist-in-charge and the supervising pharmacist.

~~(v)~~(vi) It is recognized that hospital pharmacy technicians as defined in § 17-92-602(4) are governed by the Hospital Pharmacies Act, § 17-92-601 et seq., and related Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy rules developed pursuant to that subchapter under the Hospital Pharmacies Act, § 17-92-601 et seq.;

/s/Boyd