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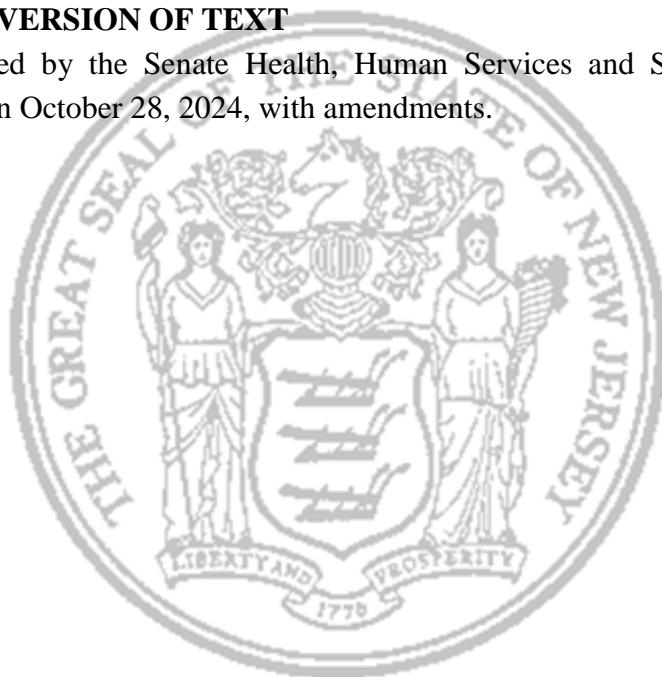
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**SYNOPSIS**

Expands authority of pharmacy technician in administering drugs and vaccines and permits pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccine.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on October 28, 2024, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning pharmacists and pharmacy interns, externs, and  
2 technicians, COVID-19 vaccines, 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 read  
8 as follows:

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

19 b. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,  
20 a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy  
21 technician may administer drugs to a patient 18 years of age or older,  
22 provided the pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or  
23 pharmacy technician is appropriately educated and qualified, as  
24 determined by the board in accordance with the requirements set forth  
25 in the rules jointly promulgated by the board and the State Board of  
26 Medical Examiners, and provided the drugs are administered under  
27 any one of the following 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 <sup>1</sup>; provided,  
35 however, that a pharmacy technician shall not be authorized to  
36 administer any medication pursuant to such programs unless the  
37 medication is related to the immunization and necessary to respond to  
38 an emergency<sup>1</sup> .

39 (2) A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or  
40 pharmacy technician may administer an influenza vaccine, a COVID-  
41 19 vaccine, or both, to a patient who is **[seven]** five years of age or  
42 older. For a patient who is under 18 years of age, a pharmacist,  
43 pharmacy intern, **[or]** pharmacy extern, or pharmacy technician shall  
44 not administer a vaccine except with the permission of the patient's

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SHH committee amendments adopted October 28, 2024.

1 parent or legal guardian. **【**For a patient who is under 10 years of age,  
2 a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy extern shall not  
3 administer a vaccine unless pursuant to a prescription by an authorized  
4 prescriber. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a  
5 patient 10 years of age or older to obtain a prescription for an  
6 influenza vaccine.**】**

7 (3) A pharmacy intern **【**or **】**, pharmacy extern, or pharmacy  
8 technician, as defined by regulation of the New Jersey State Board of  
9 Pharmacy, may administer immunizations, as provided in this  
10 subsection, to patients by injection or by other delivery method,  
11 provided that the pharmacy intern **【**or **】**, pharmacy extern, or  
12 pharmacy technician is acting under the direct supervision of a  
13 licensed pharmacist who is pre-approved by the New Jersey State  
14 Board of Pharmacy to administer vaccines and related emergency  
15 medications, and who is in compliance with the rules jointly  
16 promulgated by the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the State  
17 Board of Medical Examiners.

18 c. **<sup>1</sup>【An immunization】** All doses of a vaccine<sup>1</sup> administered to a  
19 patient by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, **【**or **】** pharmacy extern, or  
20 pharmacy technician pursuant to this subsection shall be reported **<sup>1</sup>【**by  
21 a supervising pharmacist<sup>1</sup>**】** to the New Jersey Immunization  
22 Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004,  
23 c.138 (C.26:4-134) as required pursuant to N.J.A.C.8:57-3.16, for  
24 inclusion in the patient's registry.

25 (cf: P.L.2018, c.143, s.1)

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27 <sup>1</sup>2. The New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board  
28 of Medical Examiners may adopt regulations necessary to effectuate  
29 the purposes of this act, which regulations shall be effective  
30 immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law for a  
31 period not to exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be amended,  
32 adopted or readopted in accordance with the provisions of the  
33 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
34 seq.).<sup>1</sup>

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36 **<sup>1</sup>【2.】** 3.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.