

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 22, 2020

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Paulin, Dinowitz) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing licensed pharmacists to administer an approved vaccine for COVID-19; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 6527 of the education law, as
2 amended by chapter 46 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 7. A licensed physician may prescribe and order a patient specific
5 order or non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist, pursuant
6 to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent with the
7 public health law, for administering immunizations to prevent influenza,
8 pneumococcal, acute herpes zoster, meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria,
9 COVID-19, or pertussis disease and medications required for emergency
10 treatment of anaphylaxis. Nothing in this subdivision shall authorize
11 unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or other drugs.

12 § 2. Subdivision 22 of section 6802 of the education law, as amended
13 by section 2 of part DD of chapter 57 of the laws of 2018, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 22. "Administer", for the purpose of section sixty-eight hundred one
16 of this article, means:

17 a. the direct application of an immunizing agent to adults, whether by
18 injection, ingestion, inhalation or any other means, pursuant to a
19 patient specific order or non-patient specific regimen prescribed or
20 ordered by a physician or certified nurse practitioner, who has a prac-
21 tice site in the county or adjoining county in which the immunization is
22 administered, for immunizations to prevent influenza, pneumococcal,
23 acute herpes zoster, meningococcal, tetanus, diphtheria, COVID-19, or
24 pertussis disease and medications required for emergency treatment of
25 anaphylaxis. If the commissioner of health determines that there is an

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 outbreak of disease, or that there is the imminent threat of an outbreak
2 of disease, then the commissioner of health may issue a non-patient
3 specific regimen applicable statewide.

4 b. the direct application of an immunizing agent to children between
5 the ages of two and eighteen years of age, whether by injection, inges-
6 tion, inhalation or any other means, pursuant to a patient specific
7 order or non-patient specific regimen prescribed or ordered by a physi-
8 cian or certified nurse practitioner, who has a practice site in the
9 county or adjoining county in which the immunization is administered,
10 for immunization to prevent influenza and medications required for emer-
11 gency treatment of anaphylaxis resulting from such immunization. If the
12 commissioner of health determines that there is an outbreak of influen-
13 za, or that there is the imminent threat of an outbreak of influenza,
14 then the commissioner of health may issue a non-patient specific regimen
15 applicable statewide.

16 § 3. Subdivision 7 of section 6909 of the education law, as amended by
17 chapter 46 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

18 7. A certified nurse practitioner may prescribe and order a patient
19 specific order or non-patient specific regimen to a licensed pharmacist,
20 pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner, and consistent
21 with the public health law, for administering immunizations to prevent
22 influenza, pneumococcal, acute herpes zoster, meningococcal, tetanus,
23 diphtheria, COVID-19, or pertussis disease and medications required for
24 emergency treatment of anaphylaxis. Nothing in this subdivision shall
25 authorize unlicensed persons to administer immunizations, vaccines or
26 other drugs.

27 § 4. This act shall take effect no sooner than ninety days from the
28 date of approval of a COVID-19 immunization by the United States Food
29 and Drug Administration's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research
30 and shall expire and be deemed repealed July 1, 2022; provided further
31 that this act shall not take effect until the commissioner of health and
32 the commissioner of education jointly certify that the administration of
33 such immunization pursuant to this act would be in the best interest of
34 public health; provided that the commissioner of health and the commis-
35 sioner of education shall notify the legislative bill drafting commis-
36 sion upon the occurrence of such certification in order that the commis-
37 sion may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the
38 official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of
39 effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and
40 section 70-b of the public officers law; provided further, that:

41 (a) the amendments to subdivision 7 of section 6527 of the education
42 law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of
43 such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith;

44 (b) the amendments to subdivision 22 of section 6802 of the education
45 law made by section two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such
46 subdivision pursuant to section 8 of chapter 563 of the laws of 2008, as
47 amended, and shall be deemed repealed therewith; and

48 (c) the amendments to subdivision 7 of section 6909 of the education
49 law, made by section three of this act shall not affect the expiration
50 of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.