STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

September 3, 2025

Introduced by Sen. LIU -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to allowing pharmacists to administer certain vaccines pursuant to a statewide order; and to amend the public health law, in relation to the authority of the commissioner of health

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

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 2 of section 6801 of the education law, as amended by section 1 of part DD of chapter 57 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

(e) administer the immunization or immunizations**: (i)** according to the most current recommendations by the advisory committee for immunization practices (ACIP), provided however, that a pharmacist may administer any immunization authorized under this section when specified by a patient specific order[~~.~~]**; or (ii) where a non-patient specific order exists or such immunization or immunizations are:**

(A) authorized by the commissioner of health through a statewide protocol, provided that such vaccine is approved or authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and

(B) (1) recommended for use by the New York state immunization advisory council; or

(2) identified by the department of health as necessary to address public health emergencies, outbreaks, or chronic disease prevention.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (x) to read as follows:

(x) have the authority to issue statewide standing orders authorizing pharmacists licensed pursuant to section sixty-eight hundred five of the education law to administer any vaccine approved or authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration, based on recommendations from the New York state immunization advisory council, or in response to

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

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public health emergencies, outbreaks, or chronic disease prevention irrespective of its inclusion on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention immunization schedule.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.