

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Regulation

CS/CS/HB 509 — Pharmacy

by Health and Human Services Committee; Health and Human Services Quality Subcommittee; and Rep. Logan (CS/SB 850 by Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services Appropriations and Senator Oelrich)

This bill expands the types of vaccines that may be administered by a pharmacist pursuant to a written protocol with a supervising physician. A pharmacist may administer the influenza and pneumococcal vaccines. A pharmacist may also administer the shingles vaccines pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed physician. The bill also authorizes a pharmacist to administer epinephrine autoinjections to address unforeseen allergic reactions.

This bill amends the definition of the term “practice of the profession of pharmacy” to include the administration of certain vaccines and epinephrine autoinjections to adults.

The bill also requires each pharmacist certified to administer a vaccine or epinephrine autoinjection to complete a three hour continuing education course on the safe and effective administration of such as part of the biennial relicensure or recertification process.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2012, except Section 3, relating to pharmacist continuing education, which takes effect on October 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 36-1; House 118-0