

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1135

5 By: Representatives Boyd, *Pilkington*  
6 By: *Senator Gilmore*  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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18 TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO  
19 ADMINISTER VACCINES AND IMMUNIZATIONS.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-92-101(17)(C), concerning the  
25 definition of "practice of pharmacy" relating to pharmacists and pharmacies,  
26 is amended to read as follows:

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



1 ~~administer medications.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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