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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1134

5 By: Representative Boyd
6 By: Senator Gilmore
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF
10 PHARMACY" TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO PRESCRIBE,
11 ADMINISTER, DELIVER, DISTRIBUTE, OR DISPENSE
12 VACCINES, IMMUNIZATIONS, AND MEDICATIONS TO TREAT
13 ADVERSE REACTIONS TO ADMINISTERED VACCINES OR
14 IMMUNIZATIONS TO A PERSON WHO IS THREE (3) YEARS OF
15 AGE OR OLDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 DISPENSE VACCINES, IMMUNIZATIONS, AND
22 MEDICATIONS TO TREAT ADVERSE REACTIONS TO
23 ADMINISTERED VACCINES.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

29 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

30 (1) The federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act,
31 Pub. L. No. 109-148, also known as the "PREP Act", and amendments to the act
32 made by the United States Department of Health and Human Services have
33 created confusion as to the scope of practice of pharmacists;

34 (2) Under federal law, a licensed pharmacist may prescribe,
35 administer, deliver, distribute, or dispense to or for a person three (3)
36 years of age or older an medications that treat adverse reactions associated



1 with the administration of vaccines and immunizations, vaccines, and
 2 immunizations that has been authorized or licensed by the United States Food
 3 and Drug Administration;

4 (3) Pharmacists licensed in this state are not presently
 5 authorized to administer vaccines or immunizations to a person under seven
 6 (7) years of age;

7 (4) Confusion exists among the citizens of this state regarding
 8 the age at which a pharmacist may administer a vaccine or immunization to a
 9 child in this state; and

10 (5) It is in the best interest of the citizens of this state to
 11 ensure that the scope of practice of pharmacists is not more restrictive than
 12 the scope of practice of pharmacists permitted under federal law.

13 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize pharmacists
 14 licensed in this state to prescribe, administer, deliver, distribute, or
 15 dispense medications that treat adverse reactions associated with the
 16 administration of vaccines and immunizations, vaccines, and immunizations to
 17 or for a person three (3) years of age or older.

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 19 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-92-101(17)(A)(i), concerning the
 20 definition of "practice of pharmacy", is amended to read as follows:

21 (i)(a) Dispensing, selling, distributing,
 22 transferring possession of, vending, bartering, or, in accordance with rules
 23 adopted by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, administering drugs,
 24 medicines, poisons, or chemicals that under the laws of the United States or
 25 the State of Arkansas may be sold or dispensed only on the prescription and
 26 order of a practitioner authorized by law to prescribe drugs, medicines,
 27 poisons, or chemicals.

28 (b) Except as limited by rules adopted by the
 29 Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, a pharmacist has the ability to administer
 30 medications.

31 ~~(c) Influenza vaccines and influenza~~
 32 ~~immunizations may be administered to a person seven (7) years of age or older~~
 33 ~~under a general written protocol.~~

34 ~~(d) Vaccines and immunizations other than~~
 35 ~~influenza vaccines and influenza immunizations may be administered to a~~
 36 ~~person from seven (7) years of age to eighteen (18) years of age under a~~

1 ~~general written protocol and subject to reporting required under § 20-15-1203~~
2 ~~if written consent of the parent or legal guardian of the minor is obtained~~
3 ~~before the administration of the vaccine or immunization.~~

4 ~~(e) Vaccines and immunizations other than~~
5 ~~influenza vaccines and influenza immunizations may be administered to a~~
6 ~~person eighteen (18) years of age or older under a general written protocol.~~

7 ~~(f) Medications other than vaccines and~~
8 ~~immunizations may be administered to a person seven (7) years of age or older~~
9 ~~under a patient specific order or prescription and subject to reporting of~~
10 ~~the administration to the prescribing physician.~~

11 (c) A pharmacist may prescribe, administer,
12 deliver, distribute, or dispense medications that treat adverse reactions
13 associated with the administration of vaccines and immunizations, vaccines,
14 and immunizations to or for a person three (3) years of age or older.

15 (d)(1) A pharmacist may administer medications
16 other than medications that treat adverse reactions associated with the
17 administration of vaccines and immunizations, vaccines, and immunizations
18 under a patient-specific order or prescription or general written protocol.

19 (2) The administration of the medication
20 under subdivision (17)(A)(i)(d)(1) of this section is subject to reporting to
21 the prescribing physician, if applicable.

22 ~~(g)(e) A general written protocol under~~
23 ~~subdivisions (17)(A)(i)(e) and (e) of this section and patient-specific~~
24 ~~orders or prescriptions under subdivisions (17)(A)(i)(d) and (f) subdivision~~
25 ~~(17)(A)(i)(d) of this section shall be from a physician licensed by the~~
26 ~~Arkansas State Medical Board and practicing in Arkansas or within fifty (50)~~
27 ~~miles of the Arkansas border.~~

28 ~~(h)(f) Under a statewide protocol, a~~
29 ~~pharmacist may initiate therapy and administer or dispense, or both, drugs~~
30 ~~that include Naloxone and nicotine replacement therapy products;~~

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32 /s/Boyd
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