

1 SB307
2 216926-1
3 By Senator Beasley
4 RFD: Healthcare
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a pharmacist licensed by the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy may administer vaccines and immunizations.

This bill would clarify that a licensed pharmacist is authorized to prescribe vaccines or immunizations that he or she is otherwise authorized to administer by law.

This bill would also require a pharmacist who administers a vaccine or immunization to a child under nine years of age to recommend annual well-child visits with a pediatrician to that child and his or her caregiver.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy and the practice of pharmacy; to add Section 34-23-13 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to clarify the vaccines and immunizations a

1 licensed pharmacist is authorized to prescribe; and to require
2 pharmacists administering vaccines or immunizations to
3 children under nine years of age, to also recommend annual
4 well-child visits with a pediatrician.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. Section 34-23-13 is added to the Code of
7 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

8 §34-23-13.

9 (a) A pharmacist may prescribe all of the following:

10 (1) A seasonal influenza vaccine to an individual
11 who is three years of age or older.

12 (2) Any vaccine or immunization that he or she is
13 authorized by law to administer to an individual who is nine
14 years of age or older.

15 (b) A pharmacist who administers a vaccine or
16 immunization to a child who is under nine years of age, shall
17 inform the child, and any adult caregiver accompanying the
18 child, of the importance of annual well-child visits with a
19 pediatrician or other licensed primary care provider.

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
21 first day of the third month following its passage and
22 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.