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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a pharmacist licensed by the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy may administer vaccines.

This bill would authorize a pharmacist to prescribe those vaccines that he or she is otherwise authorized to administer.

This bill would also require a pharmacist who administers a vaccine to a minor to recommend annual well-child visits with a pediatrician to that individual or his or her caregiver.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the practice of pharmacy; to authorize a licensed pharmacist to prescribe certain vaccines; and to require pharmacists who administer vaccines to individuals under 19 years of age to also recommend annual well-child visits to a pediatrician.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) A pharmacist may order a prescription for any of the following vaccines or immunizations:



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29 (1) A seasonal influenza vaccine to an individual who
30 is two years of age or older.

31 (2) Any vaccine that the pharmacist is authorized by
32 law to administer to an individual who is 19 years of age or
33 older.

34 (3) Any vaccine to prevent COVID-19 to an individual
35 who is three years of age or older.

36 (4) Any vaccine on the Center for Disease Control's
37 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Immunization
38 Schedules to an individual who is no younger than three years
39 of age and no older than 18 years of age.

40 (b) When administering a vaccine to an individual who
41 is no older than 18 years of age, the pharmacist shall discuss
42 with the individual, or any adult accompanying the individual,
43 the importance of an annual well-child appointment with a
44 pediatrician or other primary care physician.

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