**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑43‑190, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER INFLUENZA VACCINES WITHOUT THE ORDER OF A PRACTITIONER, SO AS TO PROVIDE PHARMACISTS MAY ADMINISTER INFLUENZA VACCINES TO PERSONS OF ANY AGE WITHOUT THE ORDER OF A PRACTITIONER PURSUANT TO PROTOCOL ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40‑43‑190(A)(2) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2) The administration of vaccines as authorized in this section must not be to a person under the age of eighteen years; provided, however, that:

(a) the influenza vaccine may be administered to a person ~~twelve years~~ of any age ~~or older~~ pursuant to protocol issued by the Board of Medical Examiners; and

(b) a pharmacist who has completed the training described in subsection (B)(1) may administer ~~a vaccine~~ other vaccines approved by the Centers for Disease Control to a person of any age pursuant to a written order or prescription of a practitioner for a specific patient of that practitioner.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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