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COMMITTEE REPORT

September 15, 2020

**H. 4663**

Introduced by Reps. Finlay and Wheeler

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**THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4663) 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, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

DANIEL B. VERDIN III for Committee.

**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 age or older pursuant to protocol issued by the Board of Medical Examiners; ~~and~~

(b) the influenza vaccine may be administered to a person under the age of twelve pursuant to protocol issued by the Board of Medical Examiners upon recommendation of the Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee; and

(c) 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. The initial recommendation required in Section 40‑43‑190(A)(2)(b) must be submitted to the Board of Medical Examiners no later than three months after the effective date of this act.

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