AN ACT to amend 450.01 (16) (k) and 450.035 (2); and to create 450.035 (2c) and 450.035 (2i) of the statutes; relating to: pharmacists and pharmacy students administering vaccines.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill eliminates any patient age restriction for the administration of a vaccine by a pharmacist if the vaccine is administered pursuant to the prescription order of a physician or other prescribing practitioner issued within the 29 days immediately preceding the day on which the vaccine is administered and the pharmacist has satisfied certain education requirements.

The bill also provides that a pharmacist or a pharmacy student under the direct supervision of a pharmacist may administer any vaccine that is listed in the immunization schedules published by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and any vaccine not so listed if administered pursuant to a prescription order of a physician or other practitioner or other requirements are met.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 450.01 (16) (k) of the statutes is amended to read:

450.01 (16) (k) Administering prescribed drug products and devices under s. 450.035 (1r) and, pursuant to vaccination protocols, vaccines.
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SECTION 2. 450.035 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

450.035 (2) A pharmacist may not administer a vaccine unless he or she has successfully completed 12 hours in a course of study and training, approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or the board, in vaccination storage, protocols, administration technique, emergency procedures, and record keeping and has satisfied the requirements specified in sub. (2t). Except as provided under sub. (2c), a pharmacist may not administer a vaccine under this subsection to a person who is under the age of 6.

SECTION 3. 450.035 (2c) of the statutes is created to read:

450.035 (2c) A pharmacist may administer a vaccine under sub. (2) to a person who is under the age of 6 if all of the following apply:

(a) The vaccine is administered pursuant to a prescription order issued within the 29 days immediately preceding the day on which the vaccine is administered.

(b) The pharmacist has successfully completed a course of instruction approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or the board that includes the administration of vaccines to children under the age of 6.

SECTION 4. 450.035 (2i) of the statutes is created to read:

450.035 (2i) (a) Subject to subs. (2) and (2g), a pharmacist or a person engaged in the practice of pharmacy under s. 450.03 (1) (f) or (g) may administer without a prescription order any vaccine listed in the current immunization schedules recommended by the federal advisory committee on immunization practices and published by the federal centers for disease control and prevention.

(b) Subject to subs. (2) and (2g), a pharmacist or a person engaged in the practice of pharmacy under s. 450.03 (1) (f) or (g) may initiate and administer any vaccine not listed in the current immunization schedules recommended by the
federal advisory committee on immunization practices and published by the federal
centers for disease control and prevention if the vaccine is administered pursuant to
a prescription order, vaccination protocol, or standing order.

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