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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 4

Assembly Amendment 1 and Senate Amendment 1

2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 4

2021 Assembly Bill 4 authorizes a person to administer vaccines if certain conditions are met, including all of the following:

- The person has completed at least two hours in a course of study and training, approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or the board, in hands-on injection technique and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines.
- The person acts under the direct supervision of a pharmacist who has completed a course in study on topics relating to vaccination.
- The person holds a current certification in basic life support or cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- The person holds a certified pharmacy technician certification from either the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or the National Healthcareer Association.

The bill also allows any health care provider authorized to administer a vaccine to supervise a pharmacy student who has completed two years of pharmacy school while they administer a vaccine. Current law provides that such students may be supervised only by a pharmacist.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that any person authorized to administer a vaccine under the pharmacy law may also administer by injection epinephrine or diphenhydramine to a person experiencing an adverse reaction to a vaccine.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 provides that any person who is enrolled at an accredited school of pharmacy may administer vaccines pursuant to the same regulations for a pharmacy student who has completed two years of pharmacy school.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Murphy on January 25, 2021. On January 26, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Health voted to adopt the amendment by a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0, and recommended the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 1. On January 28, 2021, the Assembly passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 90; Noes, 1.

Senate Amendment 1 was introduced by Senator Kooyenga on February 9, 2021. On February 11, 2021, the Senate Committee on Health recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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