

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 305

PRINTER NO. 751

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Professional Licensure Augmentation Account

DATE INTRODUCED

January 23, 2015

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator McGarrigle

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 305 amends the Pharmacy Act to allow pharmacists to administer influenza immunizations by injectable or needle-free delivery methods to persons nine years of age and older. The State Board of Pharmacy (Board), by regulation, must include these influenza immunizations to this population in their education and training standards and practice guidelines authorizing it.

For influenza immunizations, their administration shall be in accordance with the immunization schedule established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The bill requires individuals under the age of eighteen to have parental consent prior to administration of injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations and influenza immunizations by injectable or needle-free delivery methods.

The bill also requires pharmacists administering injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations and influenza immunizations by injectable or needle-free delivery methods, to maintain professional liability insurance coverage in the minimum amount of \$1 million per occurrence or claims made. The bill specifies satisfactory evidence of insurance that the Board shall accept.

The bill requires that an individual's primary care provider, if known, be notified within 48 hours of administration.

The bill also permits a pharmacy intern who completes education and training to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations to persons who are over 18 years of age and influenza immunizations to persons nine years of age or older under the supervision of a pharmacist.

The act takes effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of State and Board do not anticipate any significant fiscal impact to result from the passage of this legislation.