

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

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SB 150, relative to pharmacist administration of vaccines.

Hearing Date: March 20, 2017

Time Opened: 11:20 a.m

Time Closed: 11:45 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Bradley, Avar, Gray and Hennessey

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Fuller Clark

Bill Analysis: Under this bill, a pharmacy intern under the direct supervision of a pharmacist may administer immunizing vaccines.

Sponsors:

Sen. Soucy
Rep. Guthrie

Sen. Reagan
Rep. LeBrun

Rep. M. MacKay

Who supports the bill: Sen. Donna Soucy, Prime Sponsor; Will Andersen; Gabrielle Hill; Kim Wallace; Meghan Stanton; Loraine Redick; Kaylie Love; Jenny Change; Ami Diamond; Audrey Abelleira; Titpisot Vora; Molly Ennis; Rep. Mariellen MacKay; Ha Nguyen; Stuart Trachy, NH Chain Drug Stores; Tesia Sabat; Peter Kutcher; Cheryl Durand, NH Pharmacist Association; Krista Morris, DHHS

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Donna Soucy – Prime Sponsor

- Pharmacy interns are allowed to administer vaccines in 48 states.
- This bill would allow pharmacy interns to administer vaccines under the direct supervision of a pharmacist.

Rep. Mariellen Mackay – Hills. 30

- Spoke with a pharmacist and the community is in full support of this legislation.
- Pharmacy interns are directly overseen by a pharmacists and this bill would allow another certified set of hands to administer vaccines.

Gabrielle Hill, Kim Wallace – MCPHS

- Pharmacy students are certified as pharmacy interns and goes through the same certification as pharmacists do for the safe administration of vaccines.
- Pharmacy interns would have to be registered and carry malpractice insurance.
- Pharmacy interns would only be allowed to administer vaccines that are currently allowed by pharmacists in NH.
- Interns can go to our bordering states and administer vaccines but cannot do it in our state.

Meghan Stanton – MCPHS

- Third year students go through the same process as licensed pharmacists for getting certified to give vaccines.
- This is an important part of our education and allowing students to administer the vaccines under supervision of pharmacists will help them become more effective pharmacists once licensed.

Lorraine Redick – NH Pharmacists Association

- The goal is to increase access to immunization in the state.
- Pharmacy interns are a great resource for pharmacists to use and this bill would allow pharmacies to better serve their patients.

Sen. Bradley - At what point in their training would an Intern be able to give vaccines?

Redick - It would not be until they have successfully passed both there introduction to patient care classes and not until after they receive their certification from the board.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

Future Action: Ought to Pass

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 24, 2017