

1 S.117

2 Introduced by Senator Mullin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; pharmacists; immunizations

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to enable a
7 pharmacist to administer those immunizations recommended by the Centers for
8 Disease Control and Prevention to individuals seven years of age and above.

9 An act relating to the administration of immunizations by pharmacists

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. chapter 36, subchapter 5A is added to read:

12 Subchapter 5A. Immunizations

13 § 2066. ADMINISTRATION OF IMMUNIZATIONS

14 A pharmacist licensed pursuant to this chapter who has satisfied the
15 requirements established by the Vermont Board of Pharmacy by rule may
16 administer to individuals seven years of age or older any immunization
17 recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

1 Sec. 2. 8 V.S.A. chapter 107, subchapter 15 is added to read:

2 Subchapter 15. Immunizations

3 § 4100I. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PHARMACIST-ADMINISTERED

4 IMMUNIZATIONS

5 (a) A pharmacist authorized to administer immunizations pursuant to
6 26 V.S.A. § 2066 shall be reimbursed by an individual or an individual's
7 health insurance plan for administering an immunization at the same rate or
8 amount as a physician licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 23 or 33.

9 (b) As used in this section, "health insurance plan" means any health
10 insurance policy or any health benefit plan offered by a health insurer, as
11 defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9402, as well as Medicaid and any other public health
12 care assistance program offered or administered by the State or by any
13 subdivision or instrumentality of the State. The term shall not include policies
14 or plans providing coverage for a specific disease or other limited benefit
15 coverage.

16 Sec. 3. RULEMAKING

17 The Vermont Board of Pharmacy shall amend existing rules pursuant to
18 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to conform to the requirements of 26 V.S.A. § 2066.

19 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.