

By: Senator(s) Blackwell

To: Public Health and
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2167

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-21-111, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 2 TO AUTHORIZE A PHARMACIST TO DELEGATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF
 3 IMMUNIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED OR AUTHORIZED BY THE FOOD
 4 AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION WITHOUT A PATIENT-SPECIFIC PRESCRIPTION,
 5 STANDING ORDER OR SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT TO A LICENSED INTERN OR
 6 PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROVIDED THAT SUCH PERSON HAS A CURRENT
 7 CERTIFICATION TO PROVIDE BASIC CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT AND HAS
 8 COMPLETED SPECIFIC TRAINING RELATED TO VACCINE ADMINISTRATION; AND
 9 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

11 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-21-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 12 amended as follows:

13 73-21-111. (1) The board shall make, adopt, amend and
 14 repeal, from time to time, such rules and regulations for the
 15 regulation of supportive personnel as may be deemed necessary by
 16 the board.

17 (2) Every person who acts or serves as a pharmacy technician
 18 in a pharmacy that is located in this state and permitted by the
 19 board shall obtain a registration from the board. To obtain a
 20 pharmacy technician registration the applicant must:



21 (a) Have submitted a written application on a form(s)
22 prescribed by the board; and

23 (b) Be of good moral character; and

24 (c) Have paid the initial registration fee not to
25 exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

26 (3) Each pharmacy technician shall renew his or her
27 registration annually. To renew his or her registration, a
28 technician must:

29 (a) Submit an application on a form prescribed by the
30 board; and

31 (b) Pay a renewal fee not to exceed One Hundred Dollars
32 (\$100.00) for each annual registration period. The board may add
33 a surcharge of not more than Five Dollars (\$5.00) to the
34 registration renewal fee to assist in funding a program that
35 assists impaired pharmacists, pharmacy students and pharmacy
36 technicians.

37 (4) To * * * ensure that all applicants are of good moral
38 character, the board shall conduct a criminal history records
39 check on all applicants for a license. In order to determine the
40 applicant's suitability for licensing, the applicant shall be
41 fingerprinted. The board shall submit the fingerprints to the
42 Department of Public Safety for a check of the state criminal
43 records and forward to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a
44 check of the national criminal records. The Department of Public
45 Safety shall disseminate the results of the state check and the



46 national check to the board for a suitability determination. The
47 board shall be authorized to collect from the applicant the amount
48 of the fee that the Department of Public Safety charges the board
49 for the fingerprinting, whether manual or electronic, and the
50 state and national criminal history records checks.

51 (5) (a) A pharmacist may delegate the administration of
52 immunizations authorized under this chapter to the persons listed
53 in paragraph (b) of this subsection provided that such persons
54 meet the requirements of paragraph (c) of this subsection.

55 (b) A pharmacist may delegate the administration of
56 immunizations authorized under this chapter to the following
57 persons:

58 (i) A licensed intern who is under the supervision
59 of the pharmacist; and

60 (ii) A pharmacy technician who is acting under a
61 technician utilization plan and the supervision of the pharmacist.

62 (c) A licensed intern or a pharmacy technician
63 administering immunizations must hold a current certification to
64 provide basic cardiac life support and must have completed a
65 practical training program that is:

66 (i) Accredited by the Accreditation Council for
67 Pharmacy Education or a similar health authority or professional
68 body approved by the board; and



69 (ii) At a minimum, includes instruction in
70 hands-on injection technique and recognizing and treating
71 emergency reactions to vaccines.

72 (d) When supervised by a pharmacist, pharmacy interns
73 and pharmacy technicians who have current certification in basic
74 life-support skills and completed immunization-related training as
75 approved by the board may administer immunizations that have been
76 approved or authorized by the Food and Drug Administration without
77 a patient-specific prescription, standing order or similar
78 arrangement.

79 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
80 and after July 1, 2024.

