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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a pharmacist licensed by  
9 the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy may administer  
10 vaccines and immunizations.

11 This bill would clarify that a licensed  
12 pharmacist is authorized to prescribe vaccines or  
13 immunizations that he or she is otherwise  
14 authorized to administer by law.

15 This bill would also require a pharmacist  
16 who administers a vaccine or immunization to a  
17 child under nine years of age to recommend annual  
18 well-child visits with a pediatrician to that child  
19 and his or her caregiver.

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21 A BILL  
22 TO BE ENTITLED  
23 AN ACT  
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25 Relating to the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy and  
26 the practice of pharmacy; to add Section 34-23-13 to the Code  
27 of Alabama 1975, to clarify the vaccines and immunizations a

1 licensed pharmacist is authorized to prescribe; and to require  
2 pharmacists administering vaccines or immunizations to  
3 children under nine years of age, to also recommend annual  
4 well-child visits with a pediatrician.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. Section 34-23-13 is added to the Code of  
7 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

8 §34-23-13.

9 (a) A pharmacist may prescribe all of the following:

10 (1) A seasonal influenza vaccine to an individual  
11 who is three years of age or older.

12 (2) Any vaccine or immunization that he or she is  
13 authorized by law to administer to an individual who is nine  
14 years of age or older.

15 (b) A pharmacist who administers a vaccine or  
16 immunization to a child who is under nine years of age, shall  
17 inform the child, and any adult caregiver accompanying the  
18 child, of the importance of annual well-child visits with a  
19 pediatrician or other licensed primary care provider.

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
21 first day of the third month following its passage and  
22 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.