

HB 1798 -- VACCINATION ADMINISTRATION BY DENTISTS

SPONSOR: Busick

This bill provides that a dentist may prescribe and administer vaccines to patients or to any person when the dentist is deployed to provide care as necessitated by a declared emergency pursuant to state law. To prescribe and administer vaccines, the dentist must complete a training course recognized by the Missouri Dental Board. Prior to administration of the vaccine, the dentist must review the patient's vaccination history. The dentist administering vaccines pursuant to the provisions of this bill shall inform the patient of and enter the patient's receipt of a vaccine into the ShowMeVax system, or provide a written report to the patient's primary health care provider if the patient refuses.

This bill expands the meaning of practicing dentistry to include a person who prescribes and administers vaccines for diseases related to care within the practice of dentistry and those who administer vaccines when deployed to provide care as necessitated by a declared emergency pursuant to state law.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 628 (2021).