

HOUSE BILL 286

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By: **Delegate Kaiser**

Introduced and read first time: January 17, 2022

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Emergency Medical Services – Paramedics – Immunization Administration –**
3 **Effective Date**

4 FOR the purpose of delaying the effective date of certain provisions of law that repeal the
5 authority of paramedics to administer influenza and 2019CoV immunizations under
6 certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of paramedics to
7 administer immunizations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 13–516(g)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Education
15 Section 13–516(g)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
18 (As enacted by Section 2 of Chapter 799 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Chapter 799 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021
21 Section 4

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Education**

25 13–516.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (g) Subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS
2 Board, a paramedic may administer:

3 (1) Influenza and hepatitis B immunizations and tuberculosis skin testing,
4 in a nonemergency environment, to public safety or ambulance service personnel within
5 the jurisdiction of the paramedic, if the services are:

6 (i) Authorized by a written agreement between the provider's
7 jurisdictional EMS operational program medical director or ambulance service medical
8 director and the county or city health department in whose jurisdiction the services are
9 performed, which shall include provisions for documentation, referral and follow-up, and
10 storage and inventory of medicine;

11 (ii) Under the direction of the jurisdictional EMS operational
12 program medical director or ambulance service medical director; and

13 (iii) Approved by the Institute; and

14 (2) Influenza and 2019CoV immunizations, if the immunizations are:

15 (i) 1. Provided under the direction of the EMS operational
16 program medical director, ambulance service medical director, or other qualified physician;
17 and

18 2. Authorized by the Institute;

19 (ii) Part of a population health outreach effort conducted by the
20 appropriate local health department or a hospital or health system in the State; and

21 (iii) Provided in accordance with a written agreement between the
22 paramedic's EMS operational program or ambulance service and the county or city health
23 department in the jurisdiction in which the services are performed or a hospital or health
24 system in the State, which includes provisions for:

25 1. The administration of a vaccine to an individual at least
26 18 years old;

27 2. Storage and inventory of medication;

28 3. Distribution of appropriate Vaccine Information
29 Statements;

30 4. Documentation of patient consent;

31 5. Recognition of adverse effects;

1 6. Referral and follow-up; and

2 7. Appropriate documentation of vaccine administration,
3 including within the ImmuNet system.

4 13-516.

5 (g) Subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS
6 Board, a paramedic may administer influenza and hepatitis B immunizations and
7 tuberculosis skin testing, in a nonemergency environment, to public safety or ambulance
8 service personnel within the jurisdiction of the paramedic, if the services are:

9 (1) Authorized by a written agreement between the provider's
10 jurisdictional EMS operational program medical director or ambulance service medical
11 director and the county or city health department in whose jurisdiction the services are
12 performed, which shall include provisions for documentation, referral and follow-up, and
13 storage and inventory of medicine;

14 (2) Under the direction of the jurisdictional EMS operational program
15 medical director or ambulance service medical director; and

16 (3) Approved by the Institute.

17 **Chapter 799 of the Acts of 2021**

18 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take
19 effect January 1, [2023] **2026**.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2022.