

# SENATE BILL 210

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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems)**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 ~~2019 CoV~~ COVID-19  
6 immunizations under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority  
7 of paramedics to administer immunizations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, ~~without~~ with amendments,  
9 Article – Education  
10 Section 13-516(g)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 13-516(g)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)  
18 (As enacted by Section 2 of Chapter 799 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021,  
19 as amended by Chapter 404 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Chapter 799 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021, as amended by Chapter  
2 404 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022  
3 Section 4

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

6 **Article – Education**

7 13–516.

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

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

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

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

20 (iii) Approved by the Institute; and

21 (2) Influenza and ~~2019CoV~~ **COVID-19** immunizations, if the  
22 immunizations are:

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

26 2. Authorized by the Institute;

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

29 (iii) Provided in accordance with a written agreement between the  
30 paramedic’s EMS operational program or ambulance service and the county or city health  
31 department in the jurisdiction in which the services are performed or a hospital or health  
32 system in the State, which includes provisions for:

- 1                             1.     The administration of a vaccine to an individual at least
- 2 18 years old;
  
- 3                             2.     Storage and inventory of medication;
  
- 4                             3.     Distribution of appropriate Vaccine Information
- 5 Statements;
  
- 6                             4.     Documentation of patient consent;
  
- 7                             5.     Recognition of adverse effects;
  
- 8                             6.     Referral and follow-up; and
  
- 9                             7.     Appropriate documentation of vaccine administration,
- 10 including within the ImmuNet system.

11             SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read

12 as follows:

13   **Article – Education**

14 13-516.

15             (g)     Subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS

16 Board, a paramedic may administer influenza and hepatitis B immunizations and

17 tuberculosis skin testing, in a nonemergency environment, to public safety or ambulance

18 service personnel within the jurisdiction of the paramedic, if the services are:

19                     (1)     Authorized by a written agreement between the provider’s

20 jurisdictional EMS operational program medical director or ambulance service medical

21 director and the county or city health department in whose jurisdiction the services are

22 performed, which shall include provisions for documentation, referral and follow-up, and

23 storage and inventory of medicine;

24                     (2)     Under the direction of the jurisdictional EMS operational program

25 medical director or ambulance service medical director; and

26                     (3)     Approved by the Institute.

27             **Chapter 799 of the Acts of 2021, as amended by Chapter 404 of the Acts of 2022**

28             SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take

29 effect January 1, [2025] 2030.

30             SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July

31 1, 2024.