

HB1313

OPPOSE

HB1313 authorizes a paramedic to administer a vaccination on the immunization schedule to people >18 yrs of age.

This bill is not necessary because we are no longer in a state of emergency. And the other vaccines on the adult immunization schedule do not warrant any urgency, or are not related to infectious diseases, such as the HPV vaccine. For this reason, the HPV vaccine should not be included in this bill as a possible vaccine administered by a paramedic.

A physician familiar with the patient's medical history should be involved in any decision to receive a vaccine. The bill's language does not specify that the physician should have knowledge of the patient's personal medical history. Vaccines need to be evaluated on a case by case basis with a close personal physician considering the patient's full medical history. Vaccines administered by a paramedic will not accomplish this.

Additionally, a patient may, without close supervision by their personal physician, consent to a paramedic giving multiple vaccines at once simply because they are on the recommended adult immunization schedule. This is dangerous because there are no safety studies of the effects of multiple vaccines being given simultaneously.

This bill would allow for one or multiple vaccines to be administered to young adults at universities. A typical busy 18-22 year old college student will not be savvy to the potential side-effects or longer-term possibility for autoimmune conditions which may be caused by some vaccines on the CDC schedule, and is unlikely to have considered the risk/benefit analysis of getting a particular vaccine or multiple vaccines at once.

In the event this bill passes, it must stipulate that medical treatment by a paramedic cannot be withheld based on the vaccine-compliance status, or lack thereof, of the patient.

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