

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by changing Section 2310-650 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-650)

8 Sec. 2310-650. Influenza vaccination program. The
9 Department of Public Health may require certified local health
10 departments with jurisdiction over areas with more than 500,000
11 residents and any facility licensed by the Department to
12 implement an influenza vaccination program that ensures that
13 the health care personnel ~~employees~~ of the facility are offered
14 the opportunity to be vaccinated against seasonal influenza and
15 any other novel or pandemic influenza viruses as vaccines
16 become available.

17 Nothing in this Section prohibits certified local health
18 departments and any facility licensed by the Department from
19 implementing more stringent influenza vaccination policies,
20 strategies, or programs, including a mandatory health care
21 personnel influenza vaccination program that contains measures
22 to protect patients from potential exposure to influenza and
23 improve health care personnel vaccination rates that are

1 consistent with existing law and rules.

2 The Department may adopt rules setting forth the
3 requirements of the influenza vaccination program, along with
4 exceptions for personnel who may be exempt for medical or
5 religious reasons. Medical exemptions shall be consistent with
6 current guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control
7 and Prevention. General philosophical or moral reluctance to
8 influenza vaccinations is not a sufficient basis for an
9 exemption.

10 (Source: P.A. 96-823, eff. 11-25-09.)

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
12 2018.