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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4929

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4929 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987  
5 is amended by adding Section 31 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 80/31 new)

7 Sec. 31. Administration of vaccines.

8 (a) A licensed optometrist may independently administer  
9 the COVID-19 vaccine upon the completion of appropriate  
10 training, as described in subsection (c). Vaccinations for  
11 COVID-19 shall be limited to patients 17 years of age and  
12 older.

13 (b) The optometrist shall administer the COVID-19 vaccine  
14 and must not delegate the administration to an assistant or  
15 any other person. Vaccination of a patient by an optometrist  
16 shall be documented in the patients record and shall include:

1           (1) the vaccine administered;

2           (2) the site of injection of the vaccine;

3           (3) the name, dose, manufacturer, lot number, and  
4 beyond-use date of the vaccine;

5           (4) the name and address of the patients primary  
6 health care provider named by the patient;

7           (5) a notation that the patient was presented with the  
8 appropriate vaccine information statement (VIS) prior to  
9 the administration of each vaccine; and

10          (6) any adverse events that followed the vaccination.

11          (c) In order to initiate and administer an immunization  
12 described in subsection (b), an optometrist must:

13           (1) at a minimum, complete 4 hours of education in:

14           (i) an immunization training program endorsed by the  
15 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; (ii) the  
16 injections course approved by the National Board of  
17 Examiners in Optometry; or (iii) a course approved by the  
18 Department that provides equivalent training provided by  
19 an approved Continuing Education Sponsor. The training  
20 must include, at a minimum, hands-on injection technique,  
21 proper vaccine storage, clinic evaluation of indications  
22 and contraindications of vaccines, and the recognition and  
23 treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines, and the  
24 optometrist shall maintain that training;

25           (2) be certified in basic life support; and

26           (3) comply with all State and federal recordkeeping

1       and reporting requirements, including providing  
2       documentation to the patients primary care provider within  
3       30 days of administering the vaccine and entering all  
4       patient level data on vaccines administered in the  
5       immunization data registry (I-Care) maintained by the  
6       Department of Public Health.

7       The Department, in its discretion, may exempt an  
8       optometrist from the requirements of this subsection if the  
9       optometrist has completed the training required under a  
10      proclamation issued by the Secretary on March 24, 2021 to  
11      authorize licensed optometrists to administer COVID-19  
12      vaccines. An optometrist who is granted an exemption from the  
13      Department is required to maintain the training required by  
14      this subsection.

15      (d) An optometrist administering an immunization pursuant  
16      to this Section may also initiate and administer epinephrine  
17      or diphenhydramine by injection for the treatment of a severe  
18      allergic reaction to an immunization.

19      (e) As applicable to the State Medicaid program and other  
20      payers, a vaccine ordered and administered in accordance with  
21      this Section shall be covered and reimbursed at no less than  
22      the rate the vaccine is reimbursed when ordered and  
23      administered by a physician.

24      (f) The Department may adopt any rules necessary to  
25      implement this Section.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.".