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## **SENATOR FRED MILLS GAINS APPROVAL OF MEASURE TO PROVIDE BETTER IMMUNIZATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITIZENS**

### **SENATE BILL 60 MOVES TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

At the urging of District 22 State Senator Fred Mills (R-Parks), the Senate approved Senate Bill 60, which allows pharmacists to administer vaccinations to people over the age of 18 without a prescription from a physician. Sen. Mills says the bill will help to ease the demand on physician services and provide more opportunities for the public to get immunized.

"The passage of Senate Bill 60 is a tribute to the pharmacists of Louisiana and their work over the years," said Sen. Mills "It is my hope that this piece of legislation will create a true partnership and spirit of cooperation between physicians and pharmacists while providing better access to patients in the state."

SB 60 allows pharmacists to administer the Pneumococcal, Zoster, Tetanus and Diphtheria (Td), and Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap) vaccinations to people over the age of 18 without a prescription or medical order, in addition to being allowed to administer the influenza vaccination to people over the age of seven. In order to be permitted to administer these vaccinations, pharmacists must be in conformance with the most current regulations set by the Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, follow guidance from the Louisiana State Immunization Policies and Procedures manual, and be covered by the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

SB 60 would become effective upon the adoption of certain rules and regulations set in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) and adopted by the La. Board of Pharmacy. It now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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