



## **House Professional Licensure Committee**

### ***Meeting Agenda***

Oct. 8, 2025

10 a.m.

G-50 Irvis Office Building

Call to Order

Roll call

**HOUSE BILL 980** (Venkat) – Adds two seats to the Board of Pharmacy – one for a pharmacy tech and a second for an institutional/hospital pharmacy

- Amendment A00411 (Venkat) – Removes the requirement that pharmacy tech appointees rotate between hospital, independent and chain pharmacies, and clarifies language on a board member's inability to serve out their full term.

**House Bill 1161** (Guzman) – Allows CRNPs to act as the on-site medical professional supervising during wrestling competitions and exhibitions.

- Amendment A01748 (Guzman) – Adds physician assistants to those who may supervise a wrestling competition or exhibition.

**House Bill 1881** (Venkat) – Moves language allowing pharmacists to administer immunizations into the Pharmacy Act and adds the Department of Health to those entities whose guidance may be used in determining immunizations given at pharmacies. Updates the exemption provision for pharmacy tech registration.

- Amendment A01823 (Venkat) – Limits when DoH can rescind approval of an immunization, adjusts the timeframe for grandfathering existing pharmacy techs from registration, and clarifies that a physician's guidelines apply to all immunizations by pharmacists.

Any other business

Adjournment

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 980

Sponsor: *Venkat*

Printer's No. 1070

1 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 10 and 11, by striking out all of  
2 said lines

3 Amend Bill, page 2, line 27, by inserting a bracket before  
4 "of"

5 Amend Bill, page 2, line 27, by inserting after "members"  
6 ] member of the board

7 Amend Bill, page 2, line 28, by inserting a bracket before  
8 "becomes"

9 Amend Bill, page 2, line 28, by inserting after "becomes"  
10 ] become

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 980 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY VENKAT, KUZMA, GIRAL, WAXMAN, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, MALAGARI AND SANCHEZ, MARCH 20, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MARCH 20, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699),  
2 entitled "An act relating to the regulation of the practice  
3 of pharmacy, including the sales, use and distribution of  
4 drugs and devices at retail; and amending, revising,  
5 consolidating and repealing certain laws relating thereto,"  
6 further providing for State Board of Pharmacy.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 6(a) and (b) of the act of September 27,  
10 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, are amended  
11 to read:

12 Section 6. State Board of Pharmacy.--(a) Beginning with any  
13 vacancies existing on the effective date of this act, and as  
14 terms expire or vacancies occur thereafter, the State Board of  
15 Pharmacy shall consist of the Commissioner of Professional and  
16 Occupational Affairs, the Director of the Bureau of Consumer  
17 Protection in the Office of Attorney General, or his designee,  
18 two persons representing the public at large, [and five] six  
19 persons who are licensed to practice pharmacy in this  
20 Commonwealth [and who are not teachers or instructors in any

1 educational institution teaching pharmacy.] and one person who  
2 is registered as a pharmacy technician with the board. Two  
3 pharmacists shall be appointed from independent retail  
4 pharmacies, two pharmacists shall be appointed who are employees  
5 of retail chain pharmacies which operate five or more pharmacies  
6 licensed within this Commonwealth and [one] two pharmacist shall  
7 be appointed from an acute care institutional pharmacy. Each  
8 pharmacist appointee must have been registered as a pharmacist  
9 for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment.  
10 The appointment of the pharmacy technician shall rotate between  
11 acute care institutional and independent or chain pharmacies.  
12 The pharmacy technician shall be registered with the board for  
13 at least five years immediately preceding their appointment or  
14 provide an attestation from a licensed pharmacist verifying the  
15 pharmacy technician has been working as a pharmacy technician in  
16 this Commonwealth for at least five years immediately preceding  
17 the appointment. All professional, pharmacy technician and  
18 public members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor  
19 with the advice and consent of a majority of the members elected  
20 to the Senate.

21 (b) The terms of each professional, pharmacy technician and  
22 public member of the board shall be six years, or until a  
23 successor has been appointed and qualified, but not longer than  
24 six months beyond the six-year period. A pharmacy technician  
25 shall only be eligible to serve one six-year term. No other  
26 member shall be eligible for appointment to serve more than two  
27 consecutive terms. In the event that any of said members shall  
28 die or resign or otherwise becomes disqualified during his or  
29 her term, a successor shall be appointed in the same way and  
30 with the same qualifications and shall hold office for the

1 unexpired term. [No member shall be eligible for appointment to  
2 serve more than two consecutive terms.]

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4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1161

Sponsor: *Guzman*

Printer's No. 1287

- 1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 8, by striking out "or" and  
2 inserting  
3 , physician assistant or
- 4 Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by inserting before "Before"  
5 (a) Employment and duties.--
- 6 Amend Bill, page 1, line 12, by striking out "or" and  
7 inserting  
8 , physician assistant or
- 9 Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out "or" and  
10 inserting  
11 , physician assistant or
- 12 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 1 through 6, by striking out all of  
13 said lines and inserting  
14 exhibition were to continue. [The physician's fee]  
15 (b) Certified registered nurse practitioners.--A certified  
16 registered nurse practitioner employed by the promoter shall  
17 practice in accordance with sections 8.2, 8.3 and 8.7 of the act  
18 of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional  
19 Nursing Law.
- 20 (c) A physician assistant employed by the promoter shall  
21 practice in accordance with section 13 of the act of December  
22 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of  
23 1985, or section 10 of the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109,  
24 No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.
- 25 (d) Fees.--The fee for the physician, physician assistant or  
26 certified registered nurse practitioner shall be paid by the  
27 promoter.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1161 Session of  
2025

INTRODUCED BY GUZMAN, GIRAL, SANCHEZ, WAXMAN, HILL-EVANS,  
K.HARRIS AND NEILSON, APRIL 7, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, APRIL 7, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 5 (Athletics and Sports) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in wrestling, further providing for  
3 physician to be in attendance.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 2104 of Title 5 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2104. Physician or certified registered nurse practitioner to  
9 be in attendance.

10 Before any professional wrestling contest or exhibition shall  
11 take place, the promoter and the operator of the arena or  
12 facility shall employ a physician or certified registered nurse  
13 practitioner to be present at every wrestling contest or  
14 exhibition. The physician or certified registered nurse  
15 practitioner shall observe the physical condition of the  
16 participants throughout the contest or exhibition and shall be  
17 authorized to terminate the contest or exhibition when, in his  
18 judgment, severe injury would result if the contest or

1 exhibition were to continue. A certified registered nurse  
2 practitioner employed by the promoter shall practice in  
3 accordance with sections 8.2, 8.3 and 8.7 of the act of May 22,  
4 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law.  
5 The [physician's] fee for the physician or certified registered  
6 nurse practitioner shall be paid by the promoter.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.



**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1881

Sponsor: *VenKat*

Printer's No. 2341

1 Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by inserting a bracket before  
2 "of"

3 Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by inserting after "of"  
4 ] between January 29, 2019, and June 28, 2025, within

5 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 6 through 12, by striking out "one  
6 of the" in line 6 and all of lines 7 through 12 and inserting  
7 a definitive set of treatment guidelines established by a  
8 physician and consistent with one of the following:  
9 (i) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's  
10 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations or  
11 another competent authority approved by the board.

12 Amend Bill, page 3, line 21, by striking out "administration  
13 under this section upon determining" and inserting  
14 a determination under clause (3)(ii) upon finding

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1881 Session of  
2025

INTRODUCED BY VENKAT, KHAN, KOSIEROWSKI, O'MARA, GUZMAN, BENHAM,  
PIELLI, McNEILL, ISAACSON, HILL-EVANS, STEELE, FRANKEL,  
HOHENSTEIN, PROBST, NEILSON, SCHLOSSBERG, OTTEN, SANCHEZ,  
K.HARRIS, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, BOROWSKI, MERSKI, HADDOCK,  
SHUSTERMAN, GREEN, SCOTT, CIRESI, WAXMAN, SCHWEYER, HANBIDGE,  
DONAHUE, HARKINS, INGLIS, MALAGARI, HOWARD AND RIVERA,  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of September 27, 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699),  
2 entitled "An act relating to the regulation of the practice  
3 of pharmacy, including the sales, use and distribution of  
4 drugs and devices at retail; and amending, revising,  
5 consolidating and repealing certain laws relating thereto,"  
6 further providing for pharmacy technician and pharmacy  
7 technician trainee registration, qualifications and  
8 supervision; providing for administration of injectable  
9 medications, biologicals and immunizations, for clinical  
10 laboratory certificate and for report on pharmacy-  
11 administered vaccines; and making a repeal.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 3.3(a)(4) of the act of September 27,  
15 1961 (P.L.1700, No.699), known as the Pharmacy Act, is amended  
16 to read:

17 Section 3.3. Pharmacy Technician and Pharmacy Technician  
18 Trainee Registration, Qualifications and Supervision.--(a) A  
19 pharmacy technician shall register with the board biennially on

1 a form prescribed by the board and pay a registration fee  
2 established by the board by regulation. An individual must  
3 possess an unrestricted registration from the board to practice  
4 as a pharmacy technician. The following shall apply:

5 \* \* \*

6 (4) An individual practicing as a pharmacy technician for at  
7 least one year of the two-year period immediately preceding the  
8 [effective date of this section] promulgation of final-form  
9 regulations by the board implementing this section shall not be  
10 required to comply with clause (3)(i) or (ii), provided the  
11 individual applies within one year of the promulgation of  
12 regulations by the board implementing this section.

13 \* \* \*

14 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

15 Section 3.5. Administration of Injectable Medications,  
16 Biologicals and Immunizations.--(a) The board shall by  
17 regulation establish education and training standards and  
18 practice guidelines pursuant to which pharmacists shall be  
19 authorized to administer injectable medications, biologicals and  
20 immunizations to individuals eight years of age or older and  
21 influenza and COVID-19 immunizations by injectable or needle-  
22 free delivery methods to individuals five years of age or older.  
23 The standards and guidelines shall include the following:

24 (1) Satisfactory completion of an academic and practical  
25 curriculum approved by the board that includes the current  
26 guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease  
27 Control and Prevention in the Public Health Service of the  
28 United States Department of Health and Human Services, the  
29 American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or a similar health  
30 authority or professional body and includes disease

epidemiology, vaccine characteristics, injection technique,  
emergency response to adverse events and related topics.

(2) Maintenance of a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
certificate acceptable to the board.

(3) That the administration of injectable medications,  
biologicals and immunizations be in accordance with one of the  
following:

(i) A definitive set of treatment guidelines established by  
a physician and consistent with the Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices  
recommendations or another competent authority approved by the  
board.

(ii) A determination by the Department of Health that both  
of the following apply:

(A) Immunization of a population or subpopulation is  
supported by medical evidence.

(B) Immunization of the population or subpopulation would  
advance the public health by reducing the spread or severity of  
infectious disease in this Commonwealth.

(4) The Department of Health may exclude an immunization  
from administration under this section upon determining that all  
of the following apply:

(i) Administration is no longer supported by medical  
evidence for a population or subpopulation.

(ii) Administration is no longer effective to reduce the  
spread or severity of infectious diseases in this Commonwealth  
and would not advance the public health.

(5) In making a determination under paragraph (3) or (4),  
the Department of Health may consider as evidence reports issued  
by any of the following:

- 1     (i) The American Academy of Pediatrics.  
2     (ii) The American College of Obstetricians and  
3 Gynecologists.  
4     (iii) The American College of Physicians.  
5     (iv) The American Academy of Family Physicians.  
6     (v) The Infectious Diseases Society of America.  
7     (vi) The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

8     (6) After making a determination under paragraph (3)(ii) or  
9 (4), the Department of Health shall provide notice of the  
10 determination and the addition or exclusion by:

11     (i) transmitting the notice to the Legislative Reference  
12 Bureau for publication in the next available issue of the  
13 Pennsylvania Bulletin;

14     (ii) posting the notice on the Department of Health's  
15 publicly accessible Internet website; and

16     (iii) electronically transmitting the notice to the  
17 chairperson and minority chairperson of the Consumer Protection  
18 and Professional Licensure Committee of the Senate and the  
19 chairperson and minority chairperson of the Professional  
20 Licensure Committee of the House of Representatives.

21     (7) That a minimum of two hours of the thirty-hour  
22 requirement for continuing education for license renewal be  
23 dedicated to administering injectable medications, biologicals  
24 and immunizations.

25     (8) For individuals under eighteen years of age, that  
26 parental consent be obtained prior to administration.

27     (9) Maintenance of a level of professional liability  
28 insurance coverage in the minimum amount of one million dollars  
29 (\$1,000,000) per occurrence or claims made. Failure to maintain  
30 insurance coverage as required shall subject the licensees to

1 disciplinary proceedings. The board shall accept as satisfactory  
2 evidence of insurance coverage any of the following:

3 (i) personally purchased liability insurance;

4 (ii) professional liability insurance coverage provided by  
5 the individual licensee's employer; or

6 (iii) similar insurance coverage acceptable to the board.

7 (10) Notification of the individual's primary care provider,  
8 if known, within forty-eight hours of administration.

9 (b) Except as provided under subsection (e), a pharmacist's  
10 authority to administer injectable medications, biologicals and  
11 immunizations shall not be delegated to any other individual. A  
12 pharmacy intern who has completed a course of education and  
13 training which meets the requirements of subsection (a)(1) and  
14 (2) and maintains liability insurance in the amounts specified  
15 under subsection (a)(9) may administer injectable medications,  
16 biologicals and immunizations, in keeping with the requirements  
17 under subsection (a)(3), to individuals who are eight years of  
18 age or older and influenza and COVID-19 immunizations by  
19 injectable or needle-free delivery methods to individuals five  
20 years of age or older only under the direct, immediate and  
21 personal supervision of a pharmacist holding the authority to  
22 administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations  
23 or a physician, physician assistant or certified registered  
24 nurse practitioner.

25 (c) A supervising pharmacist shall report the administration  
26 of immunizations under this section to the immunization registry  
27 maintained by the Department of Health within seventy-two hours  
28 of immunization administration and to the individual's primary  
29 care provider in accordance with subsection (a)(10). Nothing in  
30 this subsection shall be construed to prohibit a supervising

pharmacist from delegating the reporting of immunization  
administration to a pharmacy intern or technician.

(d) A pharmacist, pharmacy intern or pharmacist technician  
who administers an influenza or COVID-19 immunization to an  
individual under eighteen years of age shall inform the parent  
or adult caregiver of the importance of a well-child visit with  
a pediatrician or other licensed primary care provider and refer  
the patient as appropriate.

(e) A pharmacist who holds the authority to administer  
injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations may  
delegate the authority to administer:

(1) Influenza and COVID-19 immunizations to a certified  
registered nurse practitioner, physician assistant, registered  
nurse or licensed practical nurse; or

(2) COVID-19 immunizations authorized or licensed by the  
United States Food and Drug Administration or based on a  
determination by the Department of Health under subsection (a)  
(3)(ii), and influenza immunizations recommended by the Advisory  
Committee on Immunization Practices or based on a determination  
by the Department of Health under subsection (a)(3)(ii), for  
administration to individuals thirteen years of age or older by  
a pharmacy technician if:

(i) The pharmacy technician:

(A) Until the board promulgates final regulations  
implementing registration of pharmacy technicians, holds a  
national certification from the Pharmacy Technician  
Certification Board or the National Healthcareer Association; or

(B) After the board promulgates final regulations  
implementing registration of pharmacy technicians, is registered  
with the board.

1 (ii) The following conditions are met:

2 (A) The supervising qualified pharmacist is providing  
3 direct, immediate and personal supervision to the qualified  
4 pharmacy technician who is administering the immunizations or  
5 vaccinations.

6 (B) The qualified pharmacy technician has completed a  
7 practical training program that is approved by the Accreditation  
8 Council for Pharmacy Education and that includes hands-on  
9 injection technique and the recognition and treatment of  
10 emergency reactions to vaccines.

11 (C) The qualified pharmacy technician has a current  
12 certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

13 (D) The qualified pharmacy technician has obtained liability  
14 insurance as required under subsection (a)(9) through the  
15 qualified pharmacy technician's employer.

16 (E) Administration of a COVID-19 immunization or influenza  
17 vaccinations shall be in keeping with the requirements under  
18 subsection (a)(3).

19 Section 3.6. Clinical Laboratory Certificate.--(a) If a  
20 pharmacy holds a valid certificate of waiver issued by the  
21 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, a pharmacy or  
22 pharmacist may order and perform laboratory examinations and  
23 procedures for COVID-19, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus  
24 and streptococcal infections authorized or approved by the  
25 United States Food and Drug Administration under the Clinical  
26 Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (Public Law 100-578,  
27 102 Stat. 2903) and shall be exempt from the requirements under  
28 section 3 of the act of September 26, 1951 (P.L.1539, No.389),  
29 known as The Clinical Laboratory Act.

30 (b) A pharmacist may designate the administration of a test



under subsection (a) to a pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician  
if the designation by the pharmacist to a pharmacy intern or  
pharmacy technician and the administration of the test is in  
keeping with nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines  
that have not been disapproved by the Department of Health. The  
Department of Health shall submit any nationally recognized  
clinical practice guidelines the Department of Health has  
disapproved to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication  
in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Section 3.7. Report on Pharmacy-administered Vaccines.--(a)  
The Department of Health shall, in consultation with the board,  
report to the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Majority  
Leader and the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the  
House of Representatives and the Majority Leader and the  
Minority Leader of the House of Representatives information  
concerning pharmacist activities authorized under this act,  
including:

(1) The number of injectable medications, biologicals and  
immunizations administered to individuals under eighteen years  
of age broken down by age.

(2) The number of injectable medications, biologicals and  
immunizations administered to individuals under eighteen years  
of age broken down by type of injectable medications,  
biologicals and immunizations.

(3) Subject to information being made available, an  
assessment on whether there is a change in the number of well  
visits for children with their primary pediatric care provider  
attributable pharmacist services authorized under this act.

(4) Beginning from the effective date of this section,  
changes in the pharmacy immunization rates for individuals under

1 eighteen years of age.

2 (b) The Department of Health shall review data available for  
3 injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations  
4 administered by a pharmacist, pharmacy intern or technician in  
5 this Commonwealth. The Department of Health shall also review  
6 data available from other state governments which have  
7 authorized pharmacists to provide similar pharmacy services as  
8 authorized under this act.

9 (c) The Department of Health shall report its findings no  
10 later than five years following the effective date of this  
11 subsection and include recommendations for changes in the laws  
12 of this Commonwealth.

13 (d) Upon completion of the report and transmission of the  
14 report under subsection (a), the Department of Health shall  
15 publish the findings on the Department of Health's publicly  
16 accessible Internet website.

17 Section 3. Repeals are as follows:

18 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under  
19 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the addition of  
20 sections 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of the act.

21 (2) Chapter 10 of the act of November 21, 2016  
22 (P.L.1318, No.169), known as the Pharmacy Audit Integrity and  
23 Transparency Act, is repealed.

24 Section 4. The addition of sections 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of the  
25 act is a continuation of sections 1002, 1003 and 1004 of the act  
26 of November 21, 2016 (P.L.1318, No.169), known as the Pharmacy  
27 Audit Integrity and Transparency Act. Except as otherwise  
28 provided in sections 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of the act, all activities  
29 initiated under sections 1002, 1003 and 1004 of the Pharmacy  
30 Audit Integrity and Transparency Act shall continue and remain

1 in full force and effect and may be completed under sections  
2 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of the act. Orders, regulations, rules and  
3 decisions which were made under sections 1002, 1003 and 1004 of  
4 the Pharmacy Audit Integrity and Transparency Act and which are  
5 in effect on the effective date of section 3(2) of this act  
6 shall remain in full force and effect until revoked, vacated or  
7 modified under sections 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of the act. Contracts,  
8 obligations and collective bargaining agreements entered into  
9 under sections 1002, 1003 and 1004 of the Pharmacy Audit  
10 Integrity and Transparency Act are not affected nor impaired by  
11 the repeal of sections 1002, 1003 and 1004 of the Pharmacy Audit  
12 Integrity and Transparency Act.

13 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.