

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring access to certain immunizations for residents of long-term care facilities.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Costa, Winsley, Franklin and Fraser).

Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care
House Committee on Health Care

Background: The Centers for Disease Control recommend all persons 65 and older, and others in high risk groups be immunized annually for influenza and pneumococcal disease. Several states require residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities be offered immunization for these illnesses.

Summary: Nursing homes, boarding homes, and adult family homes must offer access to immunizations against influenza to all residents on an annual basis. The vaccinations may be provided on-site or elsewhere. Long-term care facilities are required to inform employees and residents verbally and in writing of the benefits of these flu and pneumococcal disease vaccines.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0	
House	91	3	(House amended)
House	91	2	(House reconsidered)
Senate	43	0	(Senate concurred)

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