

February 28, 2007

H 431. PHASE OUT MERCURY IN CHILDHOOD VACCINES. Filed 2/28/07. *PERTAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIMEROSAL-FREE VACCINES TO CERTAIN-AGED CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN.*

Amends GS 130A-152 limiting the amount of thimerosal in vaccines given to children under eight years old and prohibits the administration of flu vaccines containing thimerosal to children 6 to 35 months old and pregnant women, with exceptions. Enacts new GS 130A-152.1 requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health, to produce a brochure explaining the use of preservatives in vaccines and the availability of alternatives, and to produce posters including the same information. Requires doctors administering vaccines to display the posters and provide patients with the brochures. Requires DHHS to study the feasibility of requiring all vaccines to be free of thimerosal and report the findings to the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly upon its convening. Effective January 1, 2008, with the exception of the study requirements.

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GS 130, 130A, STUDY

April 26, 2007

H 431. PHASE OUT MERCURY IN CHILDHOOD VACCINES. Filed 2/28/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical change to GS 130A-152. Deletes proposed new GS 130A-152.1 but retains as uncodified language its requirements that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health develop and distribute printed information regarding certain vaccines. Removes the requirements (1) that DHHS develop and produce a poster informing patients that a brochure is available and (2) that doctors who administer vaccines display the poster and brochure in their offices. Provides that only the provisions related to minimizing the thimerosal content of vaccines are effective January 1, 2008, and all other provisions are effective when they become law (was, thimerosal provisions and DHHS distribution of information on vaccines effective as of January 1, 2008).