#### 45:12-1.1; Sec. 3 Temporary & Executed LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF: 2021 CHAPTER: 101 NJSA: 45:12-1.1; Sec. 3 Temporary & Executed (Authorizes optometrists to administer immunizations against coronaviruses and influenza under certain circumstances.) **BILL NO:** A5222 (Substituted for S3306 (1R)) SPONSOR(S) Mukherji, Raj and others DATE INTRODUCED: 1/7/2021 ASSEMBLY: **COMMITTEE:** Health SENATE: AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: 3/25/2021 SENATE: 3/25/2021 **DATE OF APPROVAL:** 5/12/2021 **FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:** FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Second Reprint enacted) Yes A5222 **INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT):** Yes **COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** ASSEMBLY: Yes SENATE: No (Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, may possibly be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us) FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: Yes **LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No S3306 (1R) **INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT):** Yes **COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** ASSEMBLY: No SENATE: Yes (Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, may possibly be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us) FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No **LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

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#### P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 101, approved May 12, 2021 Assembly, No. 5222 (Second Reprint)

**AN ACT** concerning optometrists, amending R.S.45:12-1, and supplementing chapter 12 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

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**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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45:12-1. Optometry is hereby declared to be a profession, and the practice of optometry is defined to be the employment of objective or subjective means, or both, for the examination of the human eye and adnexae for the purposes of ascertaining any departure from the normal, measuring its powers of vision and adapting lenses or prisms for the aid thereof, or the use and prescription of pharmaceutical agents, excluding injections, except for injections to counter anaphylactic reaction [;], and excluding controlled dangerous substances as provided in sections 5 and 6 of P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-5 and C.24:21-6), except as otherwise authorized by section 9 of P.L.1991, c.385 (C.45:12-9.11), for the purposes of treating deficiencies, deformities, diseases, or abnormalities of the human eye and adnexae, including the removal of superficial foreign bodies from the eye and adnexae. The practice of optometry shall include the administration of immunizations <sup>2</sup>against coronaviruses and influenza<sup>2</sup> by any route or modality, provided that administration of the immunization is consistent with recommendations issued by the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices in the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and complies with the requirements of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

An optometrist utilizing pharmaceutical agents for the purposes of treatment of ocular conditions and diseases shall be held to a standard of patient care in the use of such agents commensurate to that of a physician utilizing pharmaceutical agents for treatment purposes.

A person shall be deemed to be practicing optometry within the meaning of this chapter who in any way advertises himself as an optometrist, or who shall employ any means for the measurement of the powers of vision or the adaptation of lenses or prisms for the aid thereof, practice, offer or attempt to practice optometry as herein defined, either on his own behalf or as an employee or student of another, whether under the personal supervision of his employer or perceptor or not, or to use testing appliances for the purposes of

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Matter underlined  $\underline{thus}$  is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Assembly AHE committee amendments adopted January 13, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted March 25, 2021.

1 measurement of the powers of vision or diagnose any ocular 2 deficiency or deformity, visual or muscular anomaly of the human eye 3 and adnexae or prescribe lenses, prisms or ocular exercise for the 4 correction or the relief thereof, or who uses or prescribes 5 pharmaceutical agents for the purposes of diagnosing and 6 treatingdeficiencies, deformities, diseases or abnormalities of the 7 human eye and adnexae or who holds himself out as qualified to 8 practice optometry.

(cf: P.L.2017, c.28, s.16)

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- 2. (New section) a. <sup>1</sup>[(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an optometrist shall not administer immunizations except upon certification from the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists that the optometrist has met any training and qualification requirements as are established by the board by rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).
- (2) I 2(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, an optometrist shall be authorized to administer immunizations against coronaviruses and influenza upon certification from the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists that the optometrist has met any training and qualification requirements as are established by the board by rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

  (2) The New Jersey State Board of Optometrists may certify an optometrist to administer I an epinephrine auto-injector device to a patient who is 18 years of age or older and who appears to be suffering
- from anaphylaxis and <sup>1</sup>]<sup>2</sup> immunizations <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>to patients who are 18 years of age or older <sup>1</sup>] against a coronavirus or influenza <sup>2</sup> during a public health emergency <sup>2</sup>involving an outbreak or epidemic of a coronavirus or influenza <sup>2</sup> declared pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.) <sup>2</sup>[<sup>1</sup>which are
- intended to prevent or reduce the transmission of the disease that is the basis for the declared public health emergency 12, regardless of
- 35 whether the board has adopted rules and regulations implementing the
- provisions of P.L., c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). <sup>2</sup>[¹Authorization to administer an immunization or an
- injection pursuant to this section shall terminate following the end of
- 39 the declared public health emergency. At a minimum, immunization
- 40 <u>administration training based on guidance from the Centers for</u>
- 41 <u>Disease Control and Prevention shall be a prerequisite for certification</u>
- 42 <u>to administer an immunization pursuant to this section.</u> 1 The
- 43 <u>authority to administer immunizations under the provisions of this</u>
- 44 paragraph shall be limited to administering immunizations against the
- 45 specific disease for which the public health emergency was declared.

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- c. **]**<sup>1</sup> An optometrist shall not administer an immunization against a coronavirus or influenza pursuant to this section to any patient who is younger than 18 years of age.
- <u>c.²</u> An immunization <sup>2</sup><u>against a coronavirus or influenza</u><sup>2</sup> administered to a patient by an optometrist <sup>2</sup><u>under this section</u><sup>2</sup> shall be reported by the optometrist to the New Jersey Immunization Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.138 (C.26:4-134) for inclusion in the patient's registry.
- 3. The New Jersey State Board of Optometrists shall adopt rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as shall be necessary to implement the provisions of this act.
  - 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Authorizes optometrists to administer immunizations against coronaviruses and influenza under certain circumstances.

## ASSEMBLY, No. 5222

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 7, 2021

Sponsored by: Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI District 33 (Hudson)

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Establishes requirements for optometrists to be authorized to administer immunizations.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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A person shall be deemed to be practicing optometry within the meaning of this chapter who in any way advertises himself as an optometrist, or who shall employ any means for the measurement of the powers of vision or the adaptation of lenses or prisms for the aid thereof, practice, offer or attempt to practice optometry as herein defined, either on his own behalf or as an employee or student of another, whether under the personal supervision of his employer or perceptor or not, or to use testing appliances for the purposes of measurement of the powers of vision or diagnose any ocular deficiency or deformity, visual or muscular anomaly of the human eye and adnexae or prescribe lenses, prisms or ocular exercise for the correction or the relief thereof, or who uses or prescribes

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The bill provides that optometrists may be authorized by the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists to administer immunizations during a public health emergency declared pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), regardless of whether the board has promulgated rules and regulations implementing the provisions of the bill.

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#### ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

#### ASSEMBLY, No. 5222

with committee amendments

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 13, 2021

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5222.

As amended and reported, this bill provides that the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists may certify an optometrist to administer an epinephrine auto-injector device to a patient who is 18 years of age or older and who appears to be suffering from anaphylaxis and immunizations to patients who are 18 years of age or older during a public health emergency declared which are intended to prevent or reduce the transmission of the disease that is the basis for the declared public health emergency. Authorization to administer an immunization or an injection is to terminate following the end of the declared public health emergency. At a minimum, immunization administration training based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is to be a prerequisite for certification to administer an immunization pursuant to the bill's provisions. Any immunization administered to a patient by an optometrist is to be reported by the optometrist to the New Jersey Immunization Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.138 (C.26:4-134) for inclusion in the patient's registry.

#### **COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:**

The amendments:

- 1) make a technical change to the synopsis;
- 2) remove provisions of the bill pertaining to the influenza vaccine; and
- 3) change certification standards and restrict authorization under the bill to certain immunizations and injections during a declared public health emergency to patients who are 18 years of age or older, as provided for in the bill.

#### STATEMENT TO

# [First Reprint] ASSEMBLY, No. 5222

with Senate Floor Amendments (Proposed by Senator DIEGNAN)

ADOPTED: MARCH 25, 2021

These Senate floor amendments add language clarifying that the authorization for optometrists to administer immunizations is limited to immunizations against coronaviruses and influenza.

The floor amendments add language clarifying that the authorization for optometrists to administer immunizations against coronaviruses and influenza is contingent upon certification from the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists that the optometrist has met any training and qualification requirements established by the board's rules and regulations. The floor amendments further provide that during a public health emergency involving an outbreak or epidemic of a coronavirus or influenza, the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists may certify optometrists to administer immunizations for the specific disease for which the public health emergency has been declared, regardless of whether the board has adopted any rules and regulations for certifying optometrists to administer immunizations.

The floor amendments remove language concerning the certification of optometrists to administer an epinephrine auto-injector device to a patient who is 18 years of age or older and who appears to be suffering from anaphylaxis. The floor amendments remove language concerning the end of the authorization for optometrists to administer immunizations for coronavirus and influenza. The floor amendments remove a requirement that immunization administration training based on guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention be completed as a prerequisite for certification.

The floor amendments add language clarifying that optometrists may not administer an immunization to any person who is younger than 18 years of age.

The amendments revise the synopsis of the bill to reflect these changes.

## SENATE, No. 3306

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

### 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 7, 2021

Sponsored by: Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR. District 18 (Middlesex)

#### **SYNOPSIS**

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The bill provides that optometrists may be authorized by the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists to administer immunizations during a public health emergency declared pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), regardless of whether the board has promulgated rules and regulations implementing the provisions of the bill.

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### SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3306

with committee amendments

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 9, 2021

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3306.

As amended by the committee, this bill establishes requirements for optometrists to administer immunizations against influenza and coronaviruses. Specifically, an optometrist will be authorized to administer an immunization against influenza or a coronavirus by any route or modality if the optometrist meets the training and qualification requirements as are established by the New Jersey State Board of Optometry by regulation, and administration of the immunization is consistent with recommendations issued by the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices in the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Optometrists who meet these requirements will be authorized to administer immunizations against influenza and coronaviruses to any patient who is 18 years of age and older.

As amended, the bill provides that optometrists may be authorized by the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists to administer immunizations against influenza or a coronavirus during a public health emergency involving an outbreak of influenza or the coronavirus declared pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), regardless of whether the board has promulgated rules and regulations implementing the provisions of the bill. The authority to administer immunizations under the emergency authority will be limited to the disease for which the public health emergency was declared.

Any immunization administered to a patient by an optometrist is to be reported by the optometrist to the New Jersey Immunization Information System established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2004, c.138 (C.26:4-134) for inclusion in the patient's registry.

#### **COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:**

The committee amendments revise the bill to provide that the authority for optometrists to administer immunizations will be limited

to influenza and coronaviruses. As introduced, the bill would have authorized optometrists to administer any immunization.

The committee amendments revise the age limit for optometrists to administer immunizations to provide that they may not administer an immunization to any person who is younger than 18 years of age. The bill would originally have allowed optometrists to administer immunizations to patients seven years of age or older, subject to certain restrictions.

The amendments revise the synopsis of the bill to reflect these changes.

## Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

05/12/2021

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**A-740/S-2846 (Johnson, Conaway, DeCroce/Gopal, Singleton)** – Requires State agencies in awarding contracts for purchase of items that require power source to consider items powered by fuel cells

**A-3384/S-3171 (McKeon/Pou)** – Makes various revisions to "Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act"; renames act to "Uniform Voidable Transactions Act"

**A-4240/S-2855 (Downey, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling, Coughlin/Pou, Turner)** – Provides for technological upgrade of application process for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

**A-4246/S-3175 (Verrelli, Benson, Vainieri Huttle/Pou, Corrado)** – Permits expedited licensure in mental health professions for certain individuals during state of emergency or public health emergency

**A-4477/S-2789 (Chiaravalloti, Conaway, Downey/Vitale, Weinberg)** – Revises licensure, operational, and reporting requirements for nursing homes

ACS for A-4556 and 4145/S-2611 (Karabinchak, Zwicker, Quijano/Smith, Bateman) – Requires BPU to establish and maintain electronic public document search system on its website; requires BPU to provide certain notice of its meetings and hold quarterly public comment meetings

A-4671/S-3326 (Schaer, Swain, Tully/Ruiz, Singleton) – Requires public and local utilities to provide notice to residential customers of available relief measures during coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic

ACS for A-4805/SCS for S-3169 (Freiman, Tully, Danielsen/Pou, Gopal) – Requires certain insurers to provide summary concerning business interruption insurance

**A-4806/S-3188 (Dancer, Chiaravalloti/Pou, Singleton)** – Permits municipalities to authorize programs encouraging local shopping through property tax rewards; validates certain related municipal actions

**A-4932/S-3066 (Johnson, Murphy, Downey/Pou)** – Permits use of alternate names by limited liability partnerships

**A-5222/S-3306 (Mukherji, Verrelli, Lopez/Diegnan, Turner)** – Authorizes optometrists to administer immunizations against coronaviruses and influenza under certain circumstances

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

A-850/S-2864 (Chiaravalloti, Karabinchak, Reynolds-Jackson/Oroho, Singleton) – CONDITIONAL – Establishes "Broadband Access Study Commission"

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**A-2116/S-2009 (Tully, Swain, Armato/Lagana)** – **CONDITIONAL** – Requires State Treasurer to submit report to Legislature every six months identifying deadlines for applications for federal funds by State

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