CONSENT CALENDAR

April 19, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs to which was referred SB 35,

AN ACT relative to RSV vaccine administration.

Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Gary Merchant

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs**
Bill Number:	**SB 35**
Title:	**relative to RSV vaccine administration.**
Date:	**April 19, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**OUGHT TO PASS**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The committee finds the bill expands public access to the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine to address a growing concern for the safety of adults against the RSV. For several years, pharmacists have been safely providing adults with over 12 vaccines and the bill adds this vaccine to that list.

Vote 17-2.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 35

BILL TITLE: relative to RSV vaccine administration.

DATE: April 19, 2023

LOB ROOM: 201-203

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Moved by Rep. Cushman Seconded by Rep. Layon AM Vote: 7-12

Amendment # 2023-1413h

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Merchant Seconded by Rep. Weber Vote: 17-2

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Bill King, Clerk

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

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2023 SESSION

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

Bill #: SB35 Motion: _____ AM #: 2023 1413h Exec Session Date: 4/19/23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
MacDonald, Wayne D. Chairman		12	
Layon, Erica J. Vice Chairman	1		
Cushman, Leah P.	2		
King, Bill C. Clerk	3		
Kofalt, Jim	4		
McLean, Mark		1	
King, Seth	5		
Mazur, Lisa R	6		
Nagel, David J		2	
Polozov, Yury	7		
Weber, Lucy M.		3	
MacKay, James R.			1
Freitas, Mary C.		4	
Cannon, Gerri D.		5	
Nutter-Upham, Frances E.		6	
Schapiro, Joe		7	
Merchant, Gary		8	
~~Murphy, James Michael~~ ELBERGER, SUSAN		9	
Palmer, William S		10	
~~Tellez, Trinidad~~ PREECE, DAVID		11	
TOTAL VOTE:	7	12	1

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Freitas, Mary C.	9		
Cannon, Gerri D.	10		
Nutter-Upham, Frances E.	11		
Schapiro, Joe	12		
Merchant, Gary	13		
~~Murphy, James Michael~~ ELBERGER, SUSAN	14		
Palmer, William S	15		
~~Tellez, Trinidad~~ PREECE, DAVID	16		
TOTAL VOTE:	17	2	1

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 35

BILL TITLE: **relative to RSV vaccine administration.**

DATE: **March 29, 2023**

LOB ROOM: **201-203** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **10:27 AM**

Time Adjourned: **10:40 AM**

Committee Members: Reps. W. MacDonald, B. King, Kofalt, Mazur, Nagel, Polozov, Weber, MacKay, Cannon, Nutter-Upham, Schapiro, Merchant, J. Murphy and Palmer

Bill Sponsors:

Sen. Rosenwald	**Sen. Fenton**	**Sen. Perkins Kwoka**
Sen. Gannon	**Rep. Merchant**	**Rep. Rochefort**

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Senator Rosenwald – District 13 – Prime sponsor

Q: Rep. Weber – Are there 2 different vaccines?
A: No, 2 different manufactures

Bruce Berke – Coalition of NH Chain Drug Stores – Supports

- 50% of COVD vaccines administered through chain drug stores

Albert Rogers III – Shan's Pharmacy – Supports

Rep. Gary Merchant – Supports

- Clarified "order" one Line 11 – recommend amending "when authorized"

Q: Rep. Kofalt – Clarify this is for 188 and older – not for schools?
A: Correct

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Bill King, Clerk

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill #: SB35 Date: 3/29/23

Committee: HHS & EA

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	Pro	Con
Jodi Grimbilas	Concord, NH		CVS	✓	
Peggy Gilmour	Hollis NH		N.H Public Health	✓	
Elizabeth Sargent,	NH Pharmacists Association			X	
Elizabeth Sargent,	NH Society Health. System Pharmacists			X	

House Remote Testify

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee Testify List for Bill SB35 on 2023-03-29

Support: 46 Oppose: 8 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Name	City, State Email Address	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying	Non-Germane	Signed Up
Rochefort, David	Littleton, NH david.rochefort@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy	Support	No	No	3/24/2023 6:24 PM
Smith, Julie	Nashua, NH cantdog@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/24/2023 7:47 PM
kisch, walter	warner, NH kischwalterf@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/26/2023 7:46 AM
Ribeiro, Sandra	Waterford, CT sandra.x.ribeiro@gsk.com	A Lobbyist	GlaxoSmithKline	Support	No	No	3/26/2023 11:40 AM
Howland, Curtis	Manchester, NH howland@priss.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/26/2023 12:32 PM
Dickler, Jeffrey	Rindge, NH gsgstriker@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/26/2023 8:39 PM
Liebowitz, susan	Plainfield, NH supawali@hotmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/26/2023 9:56 PM
Spencer, Louise	Concord, NH lpskentstreet@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/26/2023 10:39 PM
Reed, Barbara	N. Swanzey, NH BDReed74@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 7:18 AM
Dewey, Karen	Newport, NH pkdewey@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 7:38 AM
Casino, Joanne	Concord, NH joannecasino@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 8:10 AM
Spielman, Kathy Sue	Durham, NH jspielman@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 9:55 AM
Jernstedt, Margaret	Hanover, NH Margaret.Jernstedt@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 9:56 AM

Jones, Andrew	Pembroke, NH arj11718@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 10:31 AM
Devore, Gary	Pembroke, NH torin_asheron@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 10:36 AM
Doughty, Patrick	Bethlehem, NH patrickdoughty@roadrunner.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/27/2023 11:12 AM
Damon, Claudia	Concord, NH cordsdamon@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 12:05 PM
Wessels, Susan	RINDGE, NH slwessels2010@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 1:11 PM
Bissex, Hannah	Rindge, NH berardi.h@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 3:05 PM
Thomas, Anne	Rindge, NH annethomasjazz@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 3:07 PM
Merlone, Lynn	Rindge, NH prulone@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 3:07 PM
Hershey, Jane	Rindge, NH janelhershey@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 3:07 PM
Martin, Patricia	Rindge, NH pmartin2894@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 3:53 PM
Bownas, Abby	Washington, DC abownas@nvgllc.com	A Lobbyist	American Disease Prevention Coalition (ADPC)	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 4:49 PM
Schuman, Diana	Dover, NH deeschu@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 4:59 PM
Mercer, Jennifer	Loudon, NH jenannmercer@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/27/2023 8:02 PM
Walker, Deborah	Meredith, NH deb.publichealth@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 9:24 PM
Holt, David	Somersworth, NH davholt@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/27/2023 9:55 PM
ellermann, maureen	concord, NH ellermannf@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 5:45 AM
Williams, Cindy	Mont Vernon, NH honeypothounds@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/28/2023 10:58 AM
Perkins Kwoka, Rebecca	Portsmouth, NH rebecca.perkinskwoka@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 11:17 AM

NHPHA, Hanan Bedri -	Concord, NH hbedri@nhpha.org	A Member of the Public	New Hampshire Public Health Association	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 11:34 AM
Brennan, Nancy	Weare, NH burningnan14@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 11:39 AM
Wilke, Mary	CONCORD, NH wilke.mary@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 1:42 PM
Hobden, Louise	Litchfield, NH weeznscott@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 2:37 PM
Walsh, Linda	Miami, FL lwalsh@copdfoundation.org	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 2:38 PM
McDonald, Brandon	Manchester, NH Brandon.McDonald@pfizer.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 2:44 PM
DeMark, Richard	Meredith, NH demarknh114@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 5:07 PM
DeMark, Harriet	Meredith, NH demarknh114@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 5:07 PM
Wukovits, Patti	Nesconset, NY info@meningitisbactionproject.org	A Member of the Public	The Kimberly Coffey Foundation	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 5:57 PM
Christensen, Becky	Broomfield, CO becky@safecommunitiescoalition.org	A Member of the Public	SAFE Communities Coalition	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 6:26 PM
Willing, Maura	Concord, NH Maura.Willing@Comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 7:08 PM
Miller, Christian	Clinton Township, MI christian@autoimmune.org	A Member of the Public	National Autoimmune Association (representing members in NH)	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 9:22 PM
Perencevich, Ruth	Concord, NH rperence@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 10:09 PM
Richman, Susan	Durham, NH susan7richman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/28/2023 10:44 PM
Lamphier, Regan	Nashua, NH reganburkelamphier@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	3/29/2023 8:37 AM
Duffy, Bonnie	washington, DC bduffy@nvgllc.com	A Lobbyist	American Disease Prevention Coalition - Partner Support Letter	Support	No	No	3/29/2023 8:56 AM
Fenton (SD 10), Senator Donovan	Keene, NH donovan.fenton@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	3/29/2023 9:04 AM
Korfiatis, Maria	Ashuelot, NH korfi309@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/29/2023 9:12 AM

Cruz, Christian	Washington, DC christian.o.cruz@gsk.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/29/2023 9:27 AM
Clarke, Lindsay	Washington, DC lclarke@agingresearch.org	A Member of the Public	Alliance for Aging Research	Support	No	No	3/29/2023 9:32 AM
Slafkosky, Michele	Raymond, ME mfswork@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	3/29/2023 9:55 AM
Ferrari, Angela	Mont Vernon, NH angelaferrari84@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/29/2023 10:18 AM
Condon, Laura	Bedford, NH vaxchoicenh@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	3/29/2023 10:34 AM

March 29, 2023

Chairman Wayne MacDonald
Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee
New Hampshire State Senate
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Support for SB 35, Expanding Patient Access to Pharmacy Vaccine Services

Dear Chairman MacDonald,

We write to support SB 35. This legislation would allow pharmacists, pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines for RSV (respiratory syncytial virus).

RSV is a common and contagious virus that typically produces mild, cold-like symptoms but can put older adults at risk for severe outcomes. RSV is a respiratory tract infection that affects the lungs and breathing passages. Approximately 177,000 Americans aged 65 years and older are hospitalized due to RSV each year, resulting in an estimated 14,000 deaths. The CDC states that adults at highest risk for severe RSV infection include older adults, especially those 65 years and older, adults with chronic heart or lung disease, and adults with weakened immune systems. Infection with RSV may put some older adults and adults with certain chronic medical conditions at increased risk. [1],[2],[3],[4],[5]

Vaccination is an essential part in maintaining the health and well-being of individuals by reducing the risk of illness, disability, and death due to vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccines help prevent serious diseases, including COVID-19, influenza (flu), pneumonia, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), herpes zoster (shingles), meningitis, and hepatitis A and B. **With new vaccines for RSV on the horizon, pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians are uniquely positioned to serve as active participants in the vaccination effort.**

Pharmacist-administered vaccines can improve access and convenience, especially in low-income and rural communities.[6],[7] Pharmacists, pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians play an essential role in preventing and treating disease, especially given their rigorous professional education and training around medications and vaccines, vaccine practice management, adverse reactions to vaccines, vaccine guidance and recommendations, as well as possessing a skill set at administering vaccines and medication.[8] As part of their work, they also enhance awareness of vaccines by assessing a patient's immunization status, recommending vaccines, administering vaccines, and reporting vaccinations to maintain coordination with all immunizing providers.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recognized pharmacies' ability to expand access by extending universal authority for pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians to initiate, order,

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[1] Mesa-Frias M, Rossi C, Emond B, et al. Incidence and economic burden of respiratory syncytial virus among adults in the United States: a retrospective analysis using 2 insurance claims databases. J Manag Care Spec Pharm. 2022;28(7):753-765. doi:10.18553/jmcp.2022.21459
[2] https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/high-risk/older-adults.html
[3] Belongia EA, King JP, Kieke BA, et al. Clinical features, severity, and incidence of RSV illness during 12 consecutive seasons in a community cohort of adults ≥60 years old. Open Forum Infect Dis. 2018;5(12):ofy316. doi:10.1093/ofid/ofy316
[4] Tseng HF, Sy LS, Ackerson B, et al. Severe morbidity and short- and mid- to long-term mortality in older adults hospitalized with respiratory syncytial virus infection. J Infect Dis. 2020;222(8):1298-1310. doi:10.1093/infdis/jiaa361
[5] Branche AR, Saiman L, Walsh EE, et al. Incidence of respiratory syncytial virus infection among hospitalized adults, 2017–2020. Clin Infect Dis. 2022;74(6):1004-1011. doi:10.1093/cid/ciab595
[6] https://ghlf.org/ghlf-news/global-healthy-living-foundation-study-finds-that-empowering-pharmacists-to-more-widely-immunize-can-increase-vaccine-access-reduce-health-disparities-in-low-income-communities/
[7] https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24019274/
[8] https://vaccinesshouldntwait.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/ADPC-Background-Brochure-030122.pdf

and administer COVID-19 vaccines, COVID boosters and all CDC-recommended and FDA-authorized vaccines.[9] However, these authorities are due to lapse in 2024 leaving New Hampshire without continuity to vaccination access. Now more than ever such allowances should be adopted to support the ability for individuals to get vaccinated against life-threatening diseases. We recommend that SB 35 be amended so that **pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians may administer all vaccines approved and/or authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that are recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).**

We thank the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee for your consideration and urge the adoption of SB 35 to ensure that the citizens of New Hampshire continue to have adequate access and choice to all approved and recommended vaccinations. Doing so will increase immunization rates, reduce overall health care costs, and save lives.

Sincerely,

American Disease Prevention Coalition
National Black Caucus of State Legislators
National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women (NOBEL Women)
New Hampshire Public Health Association

cc.
Members of the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee
Senator Cindy Rosenwald
Representative Rochefort
Representative Merchant
Jennifer Gallagher

[9] https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-03-16/pdf/2021-05401.pdf

KIMBERLY COFFEY FOUNDATION

The Emily Stillman Foundation

March 28, 2023

New Hampshire Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

CC: Representative Gary Merchant, Representative David Rochefort, Senator Cindy Rosenwald, Jennifer Gallagher

Dear Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman and Members,

We are writing on behalf of the Kimberly Coffey Foundation and the Emily Stillman Foundation, two organizations that work to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases, in support of Bill SB 35. The Bill would make it possible for the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine to be administered to adults by a pharmacist or under a pharmacist's supervision in New Hampshire. As mothers who each lost their teenage daughters, Kimberly and Emily, to Meningitis B, a vaccine-preventable disease, we firmly believe that vaccinations must be made as accessible as possible and thus strongly support policy initiatives that facilitate the expansion of vaccine administration throughout the state.

RSV is an RNA virus primarily spread via respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Transmission can also occur when a person touches their face after having direct contact with a contaminated surface. In the United States, RSV infections occur primarily during the fall and winter cold and flu season. A typical RSV infection, in adults, usually results in mild, cold-like symptoms. However, it may lead to severe complications such as pneumonia, exacerbation of underlying asthma, COPD or congestive heart failure, hospitalization, and death (an estimated 14,000 deaths annually in adults aged 65 years and older).

Enactment of SB 35 would multiply the network of providers who can administer and advocate for this critical vaccine, which would help increase adult immunization rates and help prevent future vaccine-preventable hospitalizations or deaths in New Hampshire. This is particularly important given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Citizens of New Hampshire deserve easier and increased access to all life-saving vaccines. We founded our organizations to bring more awareness to the need for vaccination, and the devastating effects these otherwise preventable diseases have on individuals, families, and whole communities. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen the impact that disparities in healthcare access can have. Not allowing pharmacists to administer all recommended adult vaccines deepens these disparities.

Whether or not you know someone who has been impacted by a vaccine-preventable disease or are shocked by the numbers of those who have been infected or died, vaccine availability should be a priority for all of us.

At the time of Kimberly and Emily's deaths, the MenB vaccine was not yet available to help protect them. It is today. As mothers who lost our young daughter too soon to a now vaccine-preventable disease, we strongly urge you to please help us ensure that no other life is unnecessarily affected or lost to a vaccine-preventable disease like RSV by enacting SB 35 now!

Thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any further questions, or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@meningitisbactionproject.org.

Sincerely,

Patti Wukovits

Patti Wukovits, BSN, RN
Executive Director, Kimberly Coffey Foundation
Co-Founder, Meningitis B Action Project

Alicia Stillman

Alicia Stillman, MBA, MPH
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March 27, 2023

Chairman Wayne MacDonald
House Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee
New Hampshire House of Representatives
LOB Room 205
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Urgent support for SB 35, Expanding Patient Access to Pharmacy Vaccine Services

Dear Chairman MacDonald:

The Autoimmune Association would like to express our profound support for the critical SB 35. This significant legislation would allow pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines for RSV (respiratory syncytial virus).

The Autoimmune Association has the crucial duty of serving as a national patient advocacy organization representing Americans living with autoimmune and immune-mediated conditions. These conditions include type one diabetes, lupus, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, and many others. While many of these conditions have treatment options, there are no cures. As a result, Americans living with autoimmune and immune conditions struggle their whole lives with their conditions and the effects of those conditions.

Many individuals living with autoimmune and immune-mediated conditions are immunocompromised due to their conditions. As the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted, individuals with compromised immune systems are at notably higher risk for infection with RSV.[1] This makes the issue of vaccination against RSV all the more critical for individuals living with autoimmune and immune-mediated conditions and their communities.

SB 35 would greatly expand access to the RSV vaccine for New Hampshire citizens. Allowing pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy interns to vaccinate Granite Staters against RSV would greatly expand access to the RSV vaccine in New Hampshire and go a long way to protect the autoimmune and immune-mediated community in New Hampshire. The Autoimmune Association would like to thank the House Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee for its consideration of this crucial bill, and we urge its swift passage.

Sincerely,

Quardricos B. Driskell

Quardricos Driskell

Vice President of Public Policy and Public Affairs

Autoimmune Association

Cc. *Members of the House Health, Human Service, and Elderly Affairs Committee*

QBD:cm

March 28, 2023

Statement from Brandon McDonald (NH Resident)

I am writing to express my support for SB 35. As a longtime resident of the state of New Hampshire, and a graduate from the University of New Hampshire with extensive study in the field of microbiology, I appreciate firsthand how important it is to enable patients access to the RSV vaccines. Allowing Pharmacists and Pharmacist Technicians to administer these vaccines expands access to these critical medicines which protect the most vulnerable patients in society. Vaccines remain in the forefront in protecting patients from emerging diseases, such as RSV.

Thank you for taking the time to review this critical bill to expand RSV vaccine access.

Sincerely,
Brandon McDonald

SB 35 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0834
05/04

SENATE BILL ***35***

AN ACT relative to RSV vaccine administration.

SPONSORS: Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Rep. Merchant, Sull. 6; Rep. Rochefort, Graf. 1

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and licensed advanced pharmacy technicians to administer an RSV vaccine to adults.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

SB 35 - AS INTRODUCED

23-0834
05/04

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to RSV vaccine administration.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Vaccine Administration; RSV Added. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 318:16-b to read as follows:

318:16-b Pharmacist Administration of Vaccines. A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, licensed advanced pharmacy technician, or certified pharmacy technician, under the supervision of an on-site immunizing pharmacist may administer influenza and a COVID-19 vaccine, if available, to the general public. A pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or licensed advanced pharmacy technician, under the supervision of an on-site immunizing pharmacist may administer haemophilus influenza, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, hepatitis A and B, human papillomavirus, meningococcal, pneumococcal, tetanus and diphtheria, varicella, zoster, ***RSV (respiratory syncytial virus),*** MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella), and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccines, which have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, to individuals 18 years of age or older as ordered by an immunizing pharmacist. The pharmacist, pharmacy intern, licensed advanced pharmacy technician, or certified pharmacy technician shall:

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.