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**LD 1855 An Act Regarding Point-of-dispensing Sites for Immunizations against COVID-19**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 509 expands the applicability of the law permitting the delegation of COVID-19 vaccine administration at point-of-dispensing vaccine sites so that it applies beyond a declared state of emergency. When it was originally enacted, Public Law 2021, chapter 28, Part D, section 1 provided authority to delegate COVID-19 vaccine administration at point-of-dispensing sites only during a declared state of emergency and any renewals of that declaration.

Public Law 2021, chapter 509 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 16, 2022.

**LD 1858 An Act Regarding Delegating Authority for Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel in Health Care Facilities**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Current law authorizes licensed emergency medical services persons to provide medical services in hospital settings under delegated authority. Public Law 2021, chapter 587 authorizes licensed emergency medical services persons to provide medical services in health care facility settings that are not hospital settings under delegated authority if certain criteria are met. The law provides that the medical service must be rendered in the person's capacity as an employee of the hospital or health care facility.

The law authorizes emergency medical services persons to provide services described in a pilot project approved by the Emergency Medical Services' Board on October 6, 2021, which services are within the lawful scope of practice for emergency medical services persons pursuant to statute, as long as the pilot project remains approved.

The law also directs the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, in consultation with the Emergency Medical Services' Board and interested stakeholders, to develop guidance under which physicians and physician assistants may delegate activities to an individual acting contemporaneously pursuant to a contractual arrangement as a medical assistant under delegated authority and as a licensed emergency medical services person. The boards are required to submit a report including the guidance and any recommendations for statutory changes to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over physician licensing matters no later than January 31, 2023.

Public Law 2021, chapter 587 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 12, 2022.