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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 253

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend Subchapter IV, Chapter 11, Title 16 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 1144. Influenza immunizations.

(a) Nursing and assisted living facilities shall annually offer, beginning no later than October 1 and extending through March 1 of a calendar year, onsite vaccinations for influenza vaccine to all employees with direct contact with patients at no cost and contingent upon availability of the vaccine.

(b) The facility shall keep on record a signed statement from each employee stating that the employee has been offered vaccination against influenza and has either accepted or declined such vaccination.

~~(c) Employment will not be contingent on influenza immunization.~~

SYNOPSIS

This bill provides flexibility for nursing and assisted living facilities to make hiring decisions contingent on staff influenza vaccination status.

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