

**ASSEMBLY, No. 718**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**217th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOHN DIMAIO**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides for medical exemption from influenza vaccination based on allergy to any vaccine ingredient.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning medical exemptions from influenza vaccination  
2 for certain children and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised  
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. A child shall be exempt from the requirement to receive  
9 the influenza vaccine as a condition of attendance at a child care  
10 center or preschool facility if the child's parent or guardian presents  
11 to the center or facility a written statement by a licensed physician,  
12 advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant indicating that the  
13 vaccine is medically contraindicated because the child is allergic to  
14 eggs or any other ingredient contained within the vaccine.

15 b. In the event of an actual or threatened outbreak of influenza  
16 among children attending a child care center or preschool facility,  
17 the center or facility may exclude from attendance a child who has  
18 been exempted from the influenza vaccination requirement pursuant  
19 to subsection a. of this section.

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21 2. The Commissioner of Health, pursuant to the  
22 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
23 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations as necessary to effectuate the  
24 purposes of this act.

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26 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month  
27 next following the date of enactment, but the Commissioner of  
28 Health may take such anticipatory administrative action in advance  
29 thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill would exempt a child from the requirement to receive  
35 the influenza vaccine as a condition of attendance at a child care  
36 center or preschool facility if the child's parent or guardian presents  
37 to the center or facility a written statement by a licensed physician,  
38 advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant indicating that the  
39 vaccine is medically contraindicated because the child is allergic to  
40 eggs or any other ingredient contained within the vaccine.

41 The bill provides that, in the event of an actual or threatened  
42 outbreak of influenza among children attending a child care center  
43 or preschool facility, the center or facility may exclude from  
44 attendance a child who has been exempted from the influenza  
45 vaccination requirement pursuant to the bill.

46 The bill takes effect on the first day of the fourth month  
47 following enactment, but authorizes the Commissioner of Health to  
48 take prior administrative action as necessary for its implementation.