

1 HB263
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require hospitals to offer
9 an immunization against influenza to all patients
10 age 65 and older before discharge from the hospital
11 during specified times of the year.

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15 AN ACT
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18 against influenza to all patients age 65 and older before
19 discharge from the hospital during specified times of the
20 year.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. (a) Each year from October 1 through
23 March 1, and in accordance with the latest recommendations of
24 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the
25 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each hospital,
26 prior to discharge, shall offer immunizations against
27 influenza virus to all inpatients age 65 and older unless the

1 patient would be contraindicated. The offer of an influenza
2 immunization shall be contingent upon the availability of the
3 vaccine.

4 (b) A hospital or health care provider acting in
5 good faith and in accordance with generally accepted health
6 care standards applicable to such hospital or health care
7 provider shall not be subject to administrative, civil, or
8 criminal liability or discipline for unprofessional conduct
9 for not complying with the requirements of this section.

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
11 first day of the third month following its passage and
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.