

1 SB189  
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3 By Senators Beasley, Melson, Singleton, Coleman, Dunn, Smith,  
4 and Figures  
5 RFD: Health and Human Services  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require hospitals to offer  
9 an immunization against influenza to all patients  
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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.