

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 542

Approved by the Governor May 18, 2011

Introduced by Howard, 9.

FOR AN ACT relating to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act; to amend section 71-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010; to require general acute hospitals to offer vaccinations and to require hospital employees to be vaccinated as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 71-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010, is amended to read:

71-401 Sections 71-401 to 71-465 and section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.

Sec. 2. (1) Each general acute hospital shall take all of the following actions in accordance with the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Public Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services as the guidelines existed on January 1, 2011:

(a) Annually offer onsite influenza vaccinations to all hospital employees when no national vaccine shortage exists; and

(b) Require all hospital employees to be vaccinated against influenza, except that an employee may elect not to be vaccinated.

(2) The hospital shall keep a record of which employees receive the annual vaccination against influenza and which employees do not receive such vaccination.

Sec. 3. Original section 71-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010, is repealed.