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AN ACT

relating to priority for health care providers in the distribution of certain vaccines.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 431, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 431.117 to read as follows:

Sec. 431.117. PRIORITY FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF INFLUENZA VACCINE. The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall study the wholesale distribution of influenza vaccine in this state to determine the feasibility of implementing a system that requires giving a priority in filling orders for influenza vaccine to physicians and other licensed health care providers authorized to administer influenza vaccine over retail establishments. The executive commissioner may implement such a system if it is determined to be feasible.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.