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## **PFMA LAUDS PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE FOR PASSING BILL EXPANDING PHARMACISTS ABILITY TO PROVIDE CARE**

CAMP HILL, PA (April 13, 2015) — The Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association (PFMA), the statewide association representing the retail food industry, praised the Pennsylvania House of Representatives today for the passage of HB 182, which expands the care pharmacies can offer.

HB 182 amends the Pharmacy Act to allow pharmacists to administer the influenza vaccine to individuals under the age of 18 with parental consent. It also permits qualified pharmacy interns to administer injectables after they meet certain requirements.

“This bill allows Pennsylvania supermarket owners, who operate pharmacies in their stores, the ability to offer more services to their customers,” said Alex Baloga, PFMA director of government and public relations. “The bill provides consumers with better access to crucial, health sustaining immunizations and ultimately leads to healthier Pennsylvanians.”

Supermarket pharmacies provide a safe, easy and effective way for consumers to get immunizations, particularly their annual flu vaccine.

“Our thanks to Representative Seth Grove (R-York) for sponsoring this important legislation,” Baloga said.

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The Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association advocates the views of more than 800 convenience stores, supermarkets, independent grocers, wholesalers and consumer product vendors. PFMA members operate more than 2,800 stores and employ more than 100,000 Pennsylvanians. For more information on PFMA, visit [www.pfma.org](http://www.pfma.org).

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