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House Bill 4581

House Bill 4581 requires all health care workers to receive an annual flu vaccination by October 1st every year or their employment will be suspended until the proper documents proving the vaccination is received.

Claim

House Bill 4581 that requires all health care workers to receive an influenza vaccine by October 1st every year, and this is beneficial because this avoids the preventable influenza virus from spreading.

Protects other Patients, Health Care Workers and Their Families

Influenza vaccines should be issued to every health care worker because the vaccine not only protects the worker who is exposed to sick patients throughout the work day, it protects their families and other patients who are more susceptible to this illness.

Fear of Serious Complications

The most common reason that people do not receive the influenza vaccine is due to the fear of serious complications that can arise from the vaccination's ingredients. However, serious complications from getting the influenza vaccine are rare, therefore healthcare workers should receive this vaccination to prevent the influenza virus.

Influential Figures

Health care workers should receive the influenza vaccine because their patients look up to them as an influential figure. Patients go to their doctors for advice and direction on their conditions, and when they realize that their doctors are receiving and suggesting the flu vaccine, they are more likely to receive it.

Impact on Society

Requiring health care workers to receive an influenza vaccination is important because more people are questioning the flu vaccine due to the constantly changing flu strain. If their health care provider receives the vaccination they are more likely to trust This prevents the spread of the illness in hospitals, and protects patients and even the families of health care workers. If this bill passes, more people could be persuaded to receive an influenza vaccine, resulting in less deaths due to this illness.