

Senate Bill 823

Sponsored by Senator SHIELDS

SUMMARY

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Restricts use of vaccines containing mercury by pregnant women and children under three years of age.

Takes effect January 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to exposure to mercury through vaccines; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1)(a) A woman who is known to be pregnant or a child under three years**
5 **of age may not be vaccinated with a vaccine containing mercury or injected with a product**
6 **that contains more than 0.5 micrograms of mercury per 0.5 milliliter dose.**

7 **(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a woman who is known to be**
8 **pregnant or a child under three years of age may be vaccinated with an influenza vaccine**
9 **that contains 1.0 microgram of mercury or less per 0.5 milliliter dose.**

10 **(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the Public Health Officer may author-**
11 **ize the use of vaccines that contain mercury by women known to be pregnant or by children**
12 **under three years of age if:**

13 **(a) The Governor has declared a state of impending public health crisis under ORS 433.441**
14 **or a state of emergency under ORS 401.055; and**

15 **(b) The Public Health Officer finds and the Governor concurs that the use of vaccines**
16 **containing mercury is necessary to ensure that pregnant women and children under three**
17 **years of age receive the vaccines necessary to address the crisis or emergency.**

18 **SECTION 2. This 2005 Act takes effect on January 1, 2007.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.