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HOUSE BILL NO. 331

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRIS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 191.235, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to vaccines.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 191.235, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 191.235, to read as follows:

191.235. 1. Beginning April 1, 2007, immunizations administered in the state of Missouri to knowingly pregnant women or children less than three years of age shall not contain more than one microgram of mercury per five-tenths-milliliter dose.

2. Beginning April 1, 2007, any health carrier as defined in section 376.1350 doing business in the state of Missouri that provides insurance coverage for immunizations on a fee schedule or on a percentage reimbursement basis shall reimburse for immunizations not containing mercury at the same percentage rate of the usual and customary charges which were provided for immunizations containing mercury or other preservatives immediately prior to April 1, 2007.

3. **Beginning August 28, 2018, no vaccine containing mercury or other metal for preservation or other purpose shall be administrated to a child or adult in a public health clinic in Missouri.**

4. The director of the department of health and senior services shall exempt the use of a vaccine from compliance with this section if the director finds, and the governor concurs, that an actual or potential public health emergency exists, including an epidemic, outbreak, or shortage for which there does not exist a sufficient supply of vaccine that complies with subsection 1 **or 3** of this section that would prevent knowingly pregnant women [~~or~~], children

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 less than three years of age, **or other children or adults** from receiving the vaccine. The
19 director shall determine the duration of such exemption.

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