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## SENATE BILL No. 293

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DIGEST OF SB 293 (Updated January 22, 2026 10:27 am - DI 140)

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-26; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Pharmacist licensure. Requires the Indiana board of pharmacy to establish standards and requirements for courses of education concerning Indiana and federal statutes and rules governing the practice of pharmacy. Requires an individual to pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination to be eligible for licensure as a pharmacist. Repeals or requires the amendment of certain administrative rules. Makes technical changes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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January 12, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Technology.  
January 22, 2026, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1        SECTION 1. IC 25-26-13-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.98-2006,  
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) The board shall establish standards for  
4 pharmacist intern programs. Such standards shall include, but not be  
5 limited to, the number of hours students must spend in a program, the  
6 number of hours a student must spend in a pharmacy each week, and  
7 the types of duties the student may perform.

8        (b) The board shall, by regulation, establish standards and  
9 requirements for continuing education and shall endorse those  
10 continuing education programs which meet the standards and  
11 requirements.

12        (c) **The board shall, by regulation, establish standards and**  
13 **requirements for an initial course of education concerning Indiana**  
14 **statutes and rules governing the practice of pharmacy to be**  
15 **completed by individuals seeking licensure under sections 11(a)(6),**  
16 **11(c)(3), 12(a)(3), and 12(b)(3) of this chapter.**

17        (d) **The board shall, by regulation, establish standards and**

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1       **requirements for an initial course of education concerning federal**  
2       **statutes and rules governing the practice of pharmacy to be**  
3       **completed by individuals seeking licensure under sections 11(c)(3)**  
4       **and 12(b)(3) of this chapter.**

5       SECTION 2. IC 25-26-13-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2022,  
6       SECTION 57, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
7       JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) An applicant for registration as a  
8       pharmacist intern must furnish proof satisfactory to the board that the  
9       applicant:

- 10       (1) is actively enrolled in a school of pharmacy accredited by the  
11       **American Accreditation** Council for Pharmacy Education;  
12       (2) has obtained the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination  
13       Committee Certificate; or  
14       (3) is a qualified applicant awaiting the examination for licensure  
15       as a pharmacist.

16       (b) A registration issued under subsection (a) is valid for one (1)  
17       year and may be renewed by the board in accordance with subsection  
18       (c) until the expiration date established by the Indiana professional  
19       licensing agency under IC 25-1-5-4.

20       (c) An application for registration or renewal must be accompanied  
21       by the appropriate fee and one (1) of the following:

- 22       (1) Proof of having obtained the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate  
23       Examination Committee Certificate.
- 24       (2) Proof of active enrollment in a school of pharmacy accredited  
25       by the **American Accreditation** Council for Pharmacy Education.

26       SECTION 3. IC 25-26-13-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2022,  
27       SECTION 58, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
28       JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) To be eligible for licensure as a  
29       pharmacist, an individual must file such evidence as is required by the  
30       board that:

- 31       (1) the individual is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- 32       (2) the individual does not have a conviction for a crime that has  
33       a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice competently;
- 34       (3) the individual:
  - 35       (A) has graduated with a professional degree from a school of  
36       pharmacy **located in the United States or Canada that is**  
37       accredited by the **American Accreditation** Council for  
38       Pharmacy Education or the Canadian Council for  
39       Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs and approved by the  
40       board; or
  - 41       (B) has:
    - 42       (i) graduated with a professional degree from a school of





(1) the individual has registered with and been approved by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy;

(2) the individual has graduated with a professional degree in pharmacy from a school of pharmacy accredited by the **American Accreditation** Council for Pharmacy Education or the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs and approved by the board; and

(3) the individual has successfully completed ~~an examination administered by the board concerning the federal statutes and regulations and the Indiana statutes and rules governing the practice of pharmacy. the initial course of education described in section 9(c) of this chapter.~~

(b) An individual who has a professional pharmacy degree from a school of pharmacy located outside the United States and Canada and who is licensed in another state where the requirements for licensure are substantially the same as those in this state may be issued a license under this chapter if:

(1) the individual has registered with and been approved by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy;

(2) the individual has provided the board with proof of the applicant's:

(A) academic record and graduation with a professional degree from a school of pharmacy; and

(B) completion of the requirements for obtaining a Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee Certificate administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy; and

(3) the individual has successfully completed ~~an examination administered by the board concerning the federal statutes and regulations and the Indiana statutes and rules governing the practice of pharmacy. the initial course of education described in section 9(c) and 9(d) of this chapter.~~

SECTION 5. IC 25-26-13.5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2022, SECTION 68, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) There must be at least one (1) pharmacist working at a remote dispensing facility for every six (6) pharmacist interns, licensed pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technicians in training at the supervising pharmacy and remote dispensing facility. However, an individual whose only duty is to act as the cashier is not included in the number of employees that may work for one (1) pharmacist under this subsection.

(b) A remote dispensing facility that is not staffed by a pharmacist



1 must be staffed by at least one (1) pharmacy technician who meets the  
2 following requirements:

3 (1) Is licensed under IC 25-26-19.  
4 (2) Has at least two thousand (2,000) hours of experience working  
5 as a pharmacy technician in a pharmacy licensed under this article  
6 and under the direct supervision of a pharmacist.  
7 (3) Has successfully passed a certification examination offered by  
8 the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or another  
9 nationally recognized certification body approved by the board.  
10 (4) If the remote dispensing facility is located in a hospital or  
11 physician clinic setting, either:  
12 (A) has graduated from a pharmacy technician training  
13 program accredited by the **American Accreditation** Council  
14 for Pharmacy Education or the American Society of Health  
15 System Pharmacists; or  
16 (B) obtained the hours described in subdivision (2) before July  
17 1, 2017.  
18 (5) Is supervised by a pharmacist at the supervising pharmacy at  
19 all times that the remote dispensing facility is operational. As  
20 used in this subdivision, supervision does not require that the  
21 pharmacist be physically present at the remote dispensing facility  
22 as long as the pharmacist is supervising telepharmacy operations  
23 electronically through a computer link, video link, and audio link.  
24 (6) Is currently in good standing with the board.

25 (c) A pharmacy technician in training may not work at a remote  
26 dispensing facility unless a pharmacist is on site.

27 (d) The board shall adopt rules that require pharmacy technicians  
28 working at a remote dispensing facility that is not staffed by a  
29 pharmacist to complete continuing education requirements established  
30 by the board.

31 SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] **(a) 856 IAC 1-3.1-1 is**  
32 **void. The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code and the**  
33 **Indiana Register shall remove this section from the Indiana**  
34 **Administrative Code.**

35 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.**

36 SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026] **(a) The Indiana board**  
37 **of pharmacy shall amend 856 IAC 1-4-1 to conform to**  
38 **IC 25-26-13-12, as amended by this act.**

39 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Commerce and Technology, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 293, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 293 as introduced.)

BUCHANAN, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0

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