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**ENGROSSED**  
**SENATE BILL No. 293**

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DIGEST OF SB 293 (Updated February 17, 2026 11:32 am - DI 147)

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

**Synopsis:** Pharmacist licensure. Removes an examination requirement for certain pharmacists for license reciprocity. Requires an individual to pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination to be eligible for licensure as a pharmacist. Voids or requires the amendment of certain administrative rules. Makes technical changes.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — MORRIS, VANNATTER, BARRETT, PORTER)

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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.  
January 26, 2026, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.  
January 28, 2026, read third time, passed. Yeas 48, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

February 2, 2026, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.  
February 17, 2026, amended, reported — 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 25-26-13-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2022,  
2 SECTION 57, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 10. (a) An applicant for registration as a  
4 pharmacist intern must furnish proof satisfactory to the board that the  
5 applicant:  
6 (1) is actively enrolled in a school of pharmacy accredited by the  
7 ~~American~~ **Accreditation** Council for Pharmacy Education;  
8 (2) has obtained the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination  
9 Committee Certificate; or  
10 (3) is a qualified applicant awaiting the examination for licensure  
11 as a pharmacist.  
12 (b) A registration issued under subsection (a) is valid for one (1)  
13 year and may be renewed by the board in accordance with subsection  
14 (c) until the expiration date established by the Indiana professional  
15 licensing agency under IC 25-1-5-4.  
16 (c) An application for registration or renewal must be accompanied  
17 by the appropriate fee and one (1) of the following:

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1 (1) Proof of having obtained the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate  
2 Examination Committee Certificate.

3 (2) Proof of active enrollment in a school of pharmacy accredited  
4 by the ~~American Accreditation~~ Council for Pharmacy Education.

5 SECTION 2. IC 25-26-13-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2022,  
6 SECTION 58, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
7 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 11. (a) To be eligible for licensure as a  
8 pharmacist, an individual must file such evidence as is required by the  
9 board that:

10 (1) the individual is at least eighteen (18) years of age;

11 (2) the individual does not have a conviction for a crime that has  
12 a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice competently;

13 (3) the individual:

14 (A) has graduated with a professional degree from a school of  
15 pharmacy **located in the United States or Canada that is**  
16 accredited by the ~~American Accreditation~~ Council for  
17 Pharmacy Education or the Canadian Council for  
18 Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs and approved by the  
19 board; or

20 (B) has:

21 (i) graduated with a professional degree from a school of  
22 pharmacy located outside the United States and Canada; and

23 (ii) met the requirements under subsection (c); ~~and~~

24 (4) the individual has satisfactorily completed a pharmacist intern  
25 program approved by the board; **and**

26 **(5) the individual has successfully passed the North American**  
27 **Pharmacist Licensure Examination administered by the**  
28 **National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.**

29 (b) An applicant who has graduated with a professional degree from  
30 a school of pharmacy accredited by the Canadian Council for  
31 Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs and approved by the board must  
32 obtain the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee  
33 Certificate administered by the National Association of Boards of  
34 Pharmacy before taking the examination required under subsection ~~(d)~~:

35 **(a)(5).**

36 (c) An applicant who has graduated with a professional degree from  
37 a school of pharmacy located outside the United States and Canada  
38 must do the following:

39 (1) Provide the board with verification of the applicant's academic  
40 record and graduation.

41 (2) Obtain the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination  
42 Committee Certificate administered by the National Association



1 of Boards of Pharmacy.

2 (d) After filing an application on a form provided by the board **and**  
3 submitting the information required in subsection (a), ~~and successfully~~  
4 ~~completing the examination administered by the board~~, the applicant  
5 may be licensed as a pharmacist.

6 SECTION 3. IC 25-26-13-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2022,  
7 SECTION 59, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
8 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) An individual who is licensed as a  
9 pharmacist in another state where the requirements for licensure were  
10 not less than those required in this state at the time of original licensure  
11 may be issued a license in this state if:

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

14 (2) the individual has graduated with a professional degree in  
15 pharmacy from a school of pharmacy accredited by the ~~American~~  
16 **Accreditation** Council for Pharmacy Education or the Canadian  
17 Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs and approved by  
18 the board. ~~and~~

19 ~~(3) the individual has successfully completed an examination~~  
20 ~~administered by the board concerning the federal statutes and~~  
21 ~~regulations and the Indiana statutes and rules governing the~~  
22 ~~practice of pharmacy.~~

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

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

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

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

34 (B) completion of the requirements for obtaining a Foreign  
35 Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee Certificate  
36 administered by the National Association of Boards of  
37 Pharmacy. ~~and~~

38 ~~(3) the individual has successfully completed an examination~~  
39 ~~administered by the board concerning the federal statutes and~~  
40 ~~regulations and the Indiana statutes and rules governing the~~  
41 ~~practice of pharmacy.~~

42 SECTION 4. IC 25-26-13.5-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2022,



1 SECTION 68, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. (a) There must be at least one (1)  
3 pharmacist working at a remote dispensing facility for every six (6)  
4 pharmacist interns, licensed pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy  
5 technicians in training at the supervising pharmacy and remote  
6 dispensing facility. However, an individual whose only duty is to act as  
7 the cashier is not included in the number of employees that may work  
8 for one (1) pharmacist under this subsection.

9 (b) A remote dispensing facility that is not staffed by a pharmacist  
10 must be staffed by at least one (1) pharmacy technician who meets the  
11 following requirements:

12 (1) Is licensed under IC 25-26-19.

13 (2) Has at least two thousand (2,000) hours of experience working  
14 as a pharmacy technician in a pharmacy licensed under this article  
15 and under the direct supervision of a pharmacist.

16 (3) Has successfully passed a certification examination offered by  
17 the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or another  
18 nationally recognized certification body approved by the board.

19 (4) If the remote dispensing facility is located in a hospital or  
20 physician clinic setting, either:

21 (A) has graduated from a pharmacy technician training  
22 program accredited by the ~~American~~ **Accreditation** Council  
23 for Pharmacy Education or the American Society of Health  
24 System Pharmacists; or

25 (B) obtained the hours described in subdivision (2) before July  
26 1, 2017.

27 (5) Is supervised by a pharmacist at the supervising pharmacy at  
28 all times that the remote dispensing facility is operational. As  
29 used in this subdivision, supervision does not require that the  
30 pharmacist be physically present at the remote dispensing facility  
31 as long as the pharmacist is supervising telepharmacy operations  
32 electronically through a computer link, video link, and audio link.

33 (6) Is currently in good standing with the board.

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

36 (d) The board shall adopt rules that require pharmacy technicians  
37 working at a remote dispensing facility that is not staffed by a  
38 pharmacist to complete continuing education requirements established  
39 by the board.

40 SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) 856 IAC 1-3.1-1**  
41 **is void. The publisher of the Indiana Administrative Code and the**  
42 **Indiana Register shall remove this section from the Indiana**



1 **Administrative Code.**  
2 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.**  
3 SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) The Indiana**  
4 **board of pharmacy shall amend 856 IAC 1-4-1 to conform to**  
5 **IC 25-26-13-12, as amended by this act.**  
6 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.**  
7 SECTION 7. **An emergency is declared for this act.**



## 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

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred Senate Bill 293, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Replace the effective dates in SECTIONS 2 through 7 with "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]".

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 4.

Page 3, line 4, after "board;" insert "**and**".

Page 3, line 7, delete "Pharmacy; and" and insert "**Pharmacy.**".

Page 3, delete lines 8 through 15.

Page 3, delete lines 31 through 32.

Page 4, line 2, after "Pharmacy;" insert "**and**".

Page 4, line 7, delete "board;" and insert "board.".

Page 4, line 7, strike "and".

Page 4, line 8, strike "(3) the individual has successfully completed".

Page 4, line 11, delete "the initial course of education described".

Page 4, delete line 12.

Page 4, line 19, after "Pharmacy;" insert "**and**".

Page 4, line 27, after "Pharmacy" delete ";" and insert ".".

Page 4, line 27, strike "and".

Page 4, line 28, strike "(3) the individual has successfully completed".

Page 4, line 31, delete "the initial course of education described".

Page 4, delete line 32.

Page 5, after line 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:

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**"SECTION 8. An emergency is declared for this act."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 293 as printed January 23, 2026.)

BARRETT

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

