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SENATE BILL No. 293

Proposed Changes to January 23, 2026 printing by AM029304

DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Pharmacist licensure. Changes the effective date of provisions in the bill from July 1, 2026, to upon passage. Removes: (1) an examination requirement for certain pharmacists for licensure reciprocity; and (2) language in the bill requiring the Indiana board of pharmacy to establish standards and requirements for courses of education concerning the practice of pharmacy.

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~~
- 18 ~~requirements for an initial course of education concerning federal~~

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~~statutes and rules governing the practice of pharmacy to be completed by individuals seeking licensure under sections 11(c)(3) and 12(b)(3) of this chapter.~~

> SECTION ~~↔~~[1]. IC 25-26-13-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2022, SECTION 57, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE ~~<JULY 1, 2026>~~[UPON PASSAGE]]: Sec. 10. (a) An applicant for registration as a pharmacist intern must furnish proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

(1) is actively enrolled in a school of pharmacy accredited by the ~~↔~~[American Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education;

(2) has obtained the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee Certificate; or

(3) is a qualified applicant awaiting the examination for licensure as a pharmacist.

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

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

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

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

SECTION ~~↔~~[2]. IC 25-26-13-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2022, SECTION 58, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE ~~<JULY 1, 2026>~~[UPON PASSAGE]]: Sec.

11. (a) To be eligible for licensure as a pharmacist, an individual must file such evidence as is required by the board that:

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

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

(3) the individual:

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

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1 (B) has:

2 (i) graduated with a professional degree from a school

3 of pharmacy located outside the United States and

4 Canada; and

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

6 (4) the individual has satisfactorily completed a pharmacist

7 intern program approved by the board; [and]

8 **(5) the individual has successfully passed the North**

9 **American Pharmacist Licensure Examination administered**

10 **by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy** ~~<and>~~ [.]

11 ~~<(6) if the individual graduated with a professional degree from~~

12 ~~a school of pharmacy:~~

13 ~~———— (A) accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy~~

14 ~~Education; and~~

15 ~~———— (B) located outside of Indiana, but within the United States~~

16 ~~or Canada;~~

17 ~~———— the individual has completed the initial course of education~~

18 ~~described in section 9(c) of this chapter.~~

19 **>** (b) An applicant who has graduated with a professional degree

20 from a school of pharmacy accredited by the Canadian Council for

21 Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs and approved by the board must

22 obtain the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee

23 Certificate administered by the National Association of Boards of

24 Pharmacy before taking the examination required under subsection ~~(d)~~:

25 **(a)(5).**

26 (c) An applicant who has graduated with a professional degree

27 from a school of pharmacy located outside the United States and

28 Canada must do the following:

29 (1) Provide the board with verification of the applicant's

30 academic record and graduation.

31 (2) Obtain the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination

32 Committee Certificate administered by the National Association

33 of Boards of Pharmacy.

34 ~~<(3) Complete the initial course of education described in~~

35 ~~section 9(c) and 9(d) of this chapter.~~

36 **>** (d) After filing an application on a form provided by the board **and**

37 submitting the information required in subsection (a), **and successfully**

38 **completing the examination administered by the board**, the applicant

39 may be licensed as a pharmacist.

40 SECTION ~~<>~~ [3]. IC 25-26-13-12, AS AMENDED BY

41 P.L.143-2022, SECTION 59, IS AMENDED TO READ AS

42 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE ~~<JULY 1, 2026>~~ [UPON PASSAGE]]: Sec.

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1 12. (a) An individual who is licensed as a pharmacist in another state
2 where the requirements for licensure were not less than those required
3 in this state at the time of original licensure may be issued a license in
4 this state if:

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

7 (2) the individual has graduated with a professional degree in
8 pharmacy from a school of pharmacy accredited by the
9 American Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or the
10 Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs and
11 approved by the board ~~<=> [.] and []~~

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

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

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

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

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

28 (B) completion of the requirements for obtaining a Foreign
29 Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee Certificate
30 administered by the National Association of Boards of
31 Pharmacy ~~<=> [.] and []~~

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

37 SECTION ~~<5>~~ [4]. IC 25-26-13.5-9, AS AMENDED BY
38 P.L.143-2022, SECTION 68, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE ~~<JULY 1, 2026>~~ [UPON PASSAGE]]: Sec.
40 9. (a) There must be at least one (1) pharmacist working at a remote
41 dispensing facility for every six (6) pharmacist interns, licensed
42 pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy technicians in training at the

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1 supervising pharmacy and remote dispensing facility. However, an
 2 individual whose only duty is to act as the cashier is not included in the
 3 number of employees that may work for one (1) pharmacist under this
 4 subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

17 (A) has graduated from a pharmacy technician training
 18 program accredited by the ~~American Accreditation~~ Council
 19 for Pharmacy Education or the American Society of Health
 20 System Pharmacists; or

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

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

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

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

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

37 SECTION ~~<6>~~[5]. [EFFECTIVE ~~<JULY 1, 2026>~~[UPON
 38 PASSAGE]] (a) **856 IAC 1-3.1-1 is void. The publisher of the**
 39 **Indiana Administrative Code and the Indiana Register shall**
 40 **remove this section from the Indiana Administrative Code.**

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

42 SECTION ~~<7>~~[6]. [EFFECTIVE ~~<JULY 1, 2026>~~[UPON

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

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