

HOUSE BILL No. 2735

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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AN ACT concerning the state board of pharmacy; regarding registration of pharmacy technicians; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 65-1663 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 65-1663 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-1663. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to function as a pharmacy technician in this state unless such person is registered with the board as a pharmacy technician. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), every applicant for registration as a pharmacy technician shall have passed an examination approved by the board. The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria for the required examination and a passing score.

(b) All applications for registration shall be made on a form to be prescribed and furnished by the board. Each application for registration shall be accompanied by a registration fee fixed by the board by rule and regulation of not to exceed \$50.

(c) The board shall take into consideration any felony conviction of an applicant, but such conviction shall not automatically operate as a bar to registration.

(d) All persons who are employed as a pharmacy technician in a Kansas pharmacy on the effective date of this act shall be entitled to continue performing the functions of a pharmacy technician until October 31, 2004, without registering pursuant to the requirements of this section and without passing the examination required by subsection (a). To perform the functions of a pharmacy technician after such date, such person shall have passed the examination referred to in subsection (a) and be registered by the board as a pharmacy technician.

(e) Each pharmacy technician registration issued by the board shall expire on October 31 of the year specified by the board. Each applicant for renewal of a pharmacy technician registration shall be made on a form prescribed and furnished by the board and shall be accompanied by a renewal fee fixed by the board by rule and regulation of not to exceed \$25. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the application for registration renewal, when accompanied by the renewal fee and received

1 by the executive secretary of the board on or before the date of expiration
2 of the registration, shall have the effect of temporarily renewing the ap-
3 plicant's registration until actual issuance or denial of the renewal regis-
4 tration. If at the time of filing a proceeding is pending before the board
5 which may result in the suspension, probation, revocation or denial of the
6 applicant's registration, the board may by emergency order declare that
7 the application for renewal shall not have the effect of temporarily re-
8 newing such applicant's registration. If the renewal fee is not paid by
9 December 1 of the renewal year, the registration is void.

10 (f) (1) The board may *limit, suspend or revoke a registration or deny*
11 an application for issuance or renewal of any registration as a pharmacy
12 technician on any ground, which would authorize the board to take action
13 against the license of a pharmacist under K.S.A. 65-1627, and amend-
14 ments thereto.

15 (2) The board may require a physical or mental examination, or both,
16 of a person applying for or registered as a pharmacy technician.

17 (3) The board may temporarily suspend or temporarily limit the reg-
18 istration of any pharmacy technician in accordance with the emergency
19 adjudicative proceedings under the Kansas administrative procedure act
20 if the board determines that there is cause to believe that grounds exist
21 for disciplinary action under this section against the registrant and that
22 the registrant's continuation of pharmacy technician functions would con-
23 stitute an imminent danger to the public health and safety.

24 (4) Proceedings under this section shall be subject to the Kansas ad-
25 ministrative procedure act.

26 (g) Every registered pharmacy technician, within 30 days of obtaining
27 new employment, shall furnish the board's executive secretary notice of
28 the name and address of the new employer.

29 (h) Each pharmacy shall at all times maintain a list of the names of
30 pharmacy technicians employed by the pharmacy and shall post in a con-
31 spicuous location in the prescription area of the pharmacy the names of
32 the pharmacy technicians currently on duty at the pharmacy, if any. A
33 pharmacy technician shall work under the direct supervision and control
34 of a pharmacist. It shall be the responsibility of the supervising pharmacist
35 to determine that the pharmacy technician is in compliance with the ap-
36 plicable rules and regulations of the board, and the supervising pharma-
37 cist shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of the pharmacy tech-
38 nician in the performance of the pharmacy technician's duties. The ratio
39 of pharmacy technicians to pharmacists in the prescription area of a phar-
40 macy shall not exceed two-to-one.

41 (i) The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary
42 to ensure that pharmacy technicians are adequately trained as to the na-
43 ture and scope of their lawful duties.

1 (j) The board may adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary
2 to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions of this act.

3 (k) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the pharmacy
4 act of the state of Kansas.

5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 65-1663 is hereby repealed.

6 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
7 publication in the statute book.

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