

CHAPTER 75

Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2207
(Amended by Chapter 150)

AN ACT concerning emergency proceedings under the Kansas administrative procedure act; relating to nonresident pharmacists and contact lens dispensers through the mail; authorizing emergency proceedings against permits and registrations; amending K.S.A. 65-1657 and 65-4967 and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 65-1627 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 65-1627 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-1627. (a) The board may revoke, suspend, place in a probationary status or deny a renewal of any license of any pharmacist upon a finding that:

(1) The license was obtained by fraudulent means;

(2) the licensee has been convicted of a felony and the licensee fails to show that the licensee has been sufficiently rehabilitated to warrant the public trust;

(3) the licensee is found by the board to be guilty of unprofessional conduct or professional incompetency;

(4) the licensee is addicted to the liquor or drug habit to such a degree as to render the licensee unfit to practice the profession of pharmacy;

(5) the licensee has violated a provision of the federal or state food, drug and cosmetic act, the uniform controlled substances act of the state of Kansas, or any rule and regulation adopted under any such act;

(6) the licensee is found by the board to have filled a prescription not in strict accordance with the directions of the practitioner or a mid-level practitioner;

(7) the licensee is found to be mentally or physically incapacitated to such a degree as to render the licensee unfit to practice the profession of pharmacy;

(8) the licensee has violated any of the provisions of the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas or any rule and regulation adopted by the board pursuant to the provisions of such pharmacy act;

(9) the licensee has failed to comply with the requirements of the board relating to the continuing education of pharmacists;

(10) the licensee as a pharmacist in charge or consultant pharmacist under the provisions of subsection (c) or (d) of K.S.A. 65-1648 and amendments thereto has failed to comply with the requirements of subsection (c) or (d) of K.S.A. 65-1648 and amendments thereto;

(11) the licensee has knowingly submitted a misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent misrepresentation on a claim form, bill or statement;

(12) the licensee has had a license to practice pharmacy revoked, suspended or limited, has been censured or has had other disciplinary action taken, or voluntarily surrendered the license after formal proceedings have been commenced, or has had an application for license denied, by the proper licensing authority of another state, territory, District of Columbia or other country, a certified copy of the record of the action of the other jurisdiction being conclusive evidence thereof;

(13) the licensee has self-administered any controlled substance without a practitioner's prescription order or a mid-level practitioner's prescription order; or

(14) the licensee has assisted suicide in violation of K.S.A. 21-3406 and amendments thereto as established by any of the following:

(A) A copy of the record of criminal conviction or plea of guilty for a felony in violation of K.S.A. 21-3406 and amendments thereto.

(B) A copy of the record of a judgment of contempt of court for violating an injunction issued under K.S.A. 60-4404 and amendments thereto.

(C) A copy of the record of a judgment assessing damages under K.S.A. 60-4405 and amendments thereto; or

(15) the licensee has failed to furnish the board, its investigators or its representatives any information legally requested by the board.

(b) In determining whether or not the licensee has violated subsection (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(7) or (a)(13), the board upon reasonable suspicion of such violation has authority to compel a licensee to submit to mental or physical examination or drug screen, or any combination thereof, by such persons as the board may designate. To determine whether reasonable suspicion of such violation exists, the investigative information shall

be presented to the board as a whole. Information submitted to the board as a whole and all reports, findings and other records shall be confidential and not subject to discovery by or release to any person or entity. The licensee shall submit to the board a release of information authorizing the board to obtain a report of such examination or drug screen, or both. A person affected by this subsection shall be offered, at reasonable intervals, an opportunity to demonstrate that such person can resume the competent practice of pharmacy with reasonable skill and safety to patients. For the purpose of this subsection, every person licensed to practice pharmacy and who shall accept the privilege to practice pharmacy in this state by so practicing or by the making and filing of a renewal application to practice pharmacy in this state shall be deemed to have consented to submit to a mental or physical examination or a drug screen, or any combination thereof, when directed in writing by the board and further to have waived all objections to the admissibility of the testimony, drug screen or examination report of the person conducting such examination or drug screen, or both, at any proceeding or hearing before the board on the ground that such testimony or examination or drug screen report constitutes a privileged communication. In any proceeding by the board pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the record of such board proceedings involving the mental and physical examination or drug screen, or any combination thereof, shall not be used in any other administrative or judicial proceeding.

(c) The board may temporarily suspend or temporarily limit the license of any licensee in accordance with the emergency adjudicative proceedings under the Kansas administrative procedure act if the board determines that there is cause to believe that grounds exist for disciplinary action under subsection (a) against the licensee and that the licensee's continuation in practice would constitute an imminent danger to the public health and safety.

(d) The board may suspend, revoke, place in a probationary status or deny a renewal of any retail dealer's permit issued by the board when information in possession of the board discloses that such operations for which the permit was issued are not being conducted according to law or the rules and regulations of the board. *When the board determines that action under this subsection requires the immediate protection of the public interest, the board shall conduct an emergency proceeding in accordance with K.S.A. 77-536, and amendments thereto, under the Kansas administrative procedure act.*

(e) The board may revoke, suspend, place in a probationary status or deny a renewal of the registration of a pharmacy upon a finding that: (1) Such pharmacy has been operated in such manner that violations of the provisions of the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas or of the rules and regulations of the board have occurred in connection therewith; (2) the owner or any pharmacist employed at such pharmacy is convicted, subsequent to such owner's acquisition of or such employee's employment at such pharmacy, of a violation of the pharmacy act or uniform controlled substances act of the state of Kansas, or the federal or state food, drug and cosmetic act; (3) the owner or any pharmacist employed by such pharmacy has fraudulently claimed money for pharmaceutical services; or (4) the registrant has had a registration revoked, suspended or limited, has been censured or has had other disciplinary action taken, or an application for registration denied, by the proper registering authority of another state, territory, District of Columbia or other country, a certified copy of the record of the action of the other jurisdiction being conclusive evidence thereof. *When the board determines that action under this subsection requires the immediate protection of the public interest, the board shall conduct an emergency proceeding in accordance with K.S.A. 77-536, and amendments thereto, under the Kansas administrative procedure act.*

(f) A registration to manufacture drugs, to distribute at wholesale a drug, to sell durable medical equipment or a registration for the place of business where any such operation is conducted may be suspended, revoked, placed in a probationary status or the renewal of such registration may be denied by the board upon a finding that the registrant or the registrant's agent: (1) Has materially falsified any application filed pursuant to or required by the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas; (2) has been convicted of a felony under any federal or state law relating to the manufacture or distribution of drugs; (3) has had any federal registration for the manufacture or distribution of drugs suspended or revoked; (4)

has refused to permit the board or its duly authorized agents to inspect the registrant's establishment in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 65-1629 and amendments thereto; (5) has failed to keep, or has failed to file with the board or has falsified records required to be kept or filed by the provisions of the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas or by the board's rules and regulations; or (6) has violated the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas or rules and regulations adopted by the state board of pharmacy under the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas or has violated the uniform controlled substances act or rules and regulations adopted by the state board of pharmacy under the uniform controlled substances act. *When the board determines that action under this subsection requires the immediate protection of the public interest, the board shall conduct an emergency proceeding in accordance with K.S.A. 77-536, and amendments thereto, under the Kansas administrative procedure act.*

(g) Orders under this section, and proceedings thereon, shall be subject to the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-1657 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-1657. (a) No nonresident pharmacy shall ship, mail or deliver, in any manner, prescription drugs to a patient in this state unless registered under this section as a nonresident pharmacy. Applications for a nonresident pharmacy registration under this section shall be made on a form furnished by the board. A nonresident pharmacy registration shall be granted for a period of one year upon compliance by the nonresident pharmacy with the provisions of this section and rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section and upon payment of the registration fee established under K.S.A. 65-1645, and amendments thereto, for a pharmacy registration. A nonresident pharmacy registration shall be renewed annually on forms provided by the board, upon compliance by the nonresident pharmacy with the provisions of this section and rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section and upon payment of the renewal fee established under K.S.A. 65-1645, and amendments thereto, for the renewal of a pharmacy registration.

(b) As conditions for the granting of a registration and for the renewal of a registration for a nonresident pharmacy, the nonresident pharmacy shall comply with the following:

(1) Provide information to the board to indicate the person or persons applying for the registration, the location of the pharmacy from which the prescription drugs will be dispensed, the names and titles of all principal owners and corporate officers, if any, and the names of all pharmacists dispensing prescription drugs to residents of Kansas;

(2) be registered and in good standing in the state in which such pharmacy is located;

(3) maintain, in readily retrievable form, records of prescription drugs dispensed to Kansas patients;

(4) supply upon request, all information needed by the board to carry out the board's responsibilities under this section and rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section;

(5) maintain pharmacy hours that permit the timely dispensing of drugs to Kansas patients and provide reasonable access for the patients to consult with a licensed pharmacist about such patients' medications;

(6) provide toll-free telephone communication consultation between a Kansas patient and a pharmacist at the pharmacy who has access to the patient's records, and ensure that the telephone number(s) will be placed upon the label affixed to each prescription drug container dispensed in Kansas; and

(7) provide to the board such other information as the board may reasonably request to administer the provisions of this section.

(c) Each nonresident pharmacy shall comply with the following unless compliance would be in conflict with specific laws or rules and regulations of the state in which the pharmacy is located:

(1) All statutory and regulatory requirements of Kansas for controlled substances, including those that are different from federal law;

(2) labeling of all prescriptions dispensed, to include but not be limited to identification of the product and quantity dispensed;

(3) all the statutory and regulatory requirements of Kansas for dispensing prescriptions in accordance with the quantities indicated by the prescriber; and

(4) the Kansas law regarding the maintenance and use of the patient medication profile record system.

(d) In addition to subsection (c) requirements, each nonresident pharmacy shall comply with all the statutory and regulatory requirements of Kansas regarding drug product selection laws whether or not such compliance would be in conflict with specific laws or rules and regulations of the state in which the pharmacy is located, except that compliance which constitutes only a minor conflict with specific laws or rules and regulations of the state in which the pharmacy is located would not be required under this subsection.

(e) Each nonresident pharmacy shall develop and provide the board with a policy and procedure manual that sets forth:

(1) Normal delivery protocols and times;

(2) the procedure to be followed if the patient's medication is not available at the nonresident pharmacy, or if delivery will be delayed beyond the normal delivery time;

(3) the procedure to be followed upon receipt of a prescription for an acute illness, which policy shall include a procedure for delivery of the medication to the patient from the nonresident pharmacy at the earliest possible time, or an alternative that assures the patient the opportunity to obtain the medication at the earliest possible time; and

(4) the procedure to be followed when the nonresident pharmacy is advised that the patient's medication has not been received within the normal delivery time and that the patient is out of medication and requires interim dosage until mailed prescription drugs become available.

(f) Except in emergencies that constitute an immediate threat to the public health and require prompt action by the board, the board may file a complaint against any nonresident pharmacy that violates any provision of this section. This complaint shall be filed with the regulatory or licensing agency of the state in which the nonresident pharmacy is located. If the regulatory or licensing agency of the state in which the nonresident pharmacy is located fails to resolve the violation complained of within a reasonable time, not less than 180 days from the date that the complaint is filed, disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by the board. The board also may initiate disciplinary actions against a nonresident pharmacy if the regulatory or licensing agency of the state in which the nonresident pharmacy is located lacks or fails to exercise jurisdiction.

(g) The board shall adopt rules and regulations that make exceptions to the requirement of registration by a nonresident pharmacy when the out-of-state pharmacy supplies lawful refills to a patient from a prescription that was originally filled and delivered to a patient within the state in which the nonresident pharmacy is located, or when the prescriptions being mailed into the state of Kansas by a nonresident pharmacy occurs only in isolated transactions. In determining whether the prescriptions being mailed into the state of Kansas by a nonresident pharmacy are isolated transactions, the board shall consider whether the pharmacy has promoted its services in this state and whether the pharmacy has a contract with any employer or organization to provide pharmacy services to employees or other beneficiaries in this state.

(h) It is unlawful for any nonresident pharmacy which is not registered under this act to advertise its services in this state, or for any person who is a resident of this state to advertise the pharmacy services of a nonresident pharmacy which has not registered with the board, with the knowledge that the advertisement will or is likely to induce members of the public in this state to use the pharmacy to fill prescriptions. ~~A violation of this section is a class C misdemeanor.~~

(i) Upon request of the board, the attorney general may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for injunctive relief to restrain a violation of the provisions of this section or any rules and regulations adopted by the board under authority of this section. The remedy provided under this subsection shall be in addition to any other remedy provided under this section or under the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas.

(j) The board may adopt rules and regulations as necessary and as are consistent with this section to carry out the provisions of this section.

(k) The executive secretary of the board shall remit all moneys received from fees under this section to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the manner specified under K.S.A. 74-1609, and amendments thereto.

(l) *A violation of this section is a severity level 10, nonperson felony.*

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

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-4967 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-4967. (a) For purposes of this section a person dispensing contact lenses means a person or entity not licensed under K.S.A. 65-1505, and amendments thereto, or licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Kansas who mails contact lenses to patients in Kansas pursuant to a contact lens prescription which such person or entity did not determine.

(b) No person dispensing contact lenses as defined under subsection (a) may dispense contact lenses through the mail to Kansas residents unless such person meets the criteria of this section, is registered under this section and pays the annual registration fee set by the state board of healing arts. Registration fees shall not exceed the annual fee for an initial or renewal permit to practice optometry in this state as provided in K.S.A. 65-1505 and amendments thereto.

(c) Approval of the registration for dispensing contact lenses shall be provided by the state board of healing arts upon certification by the person dispensing the contact lenses that such person:

(1) Is licensed or registered to dispense contact lenses in the state where the dispensing facility is located, if required to be licensed or registered in such state;

(2) provides the location, names and titles of all principal corporate officers and of the individual who is responsible for overseeing the dispensing of contact lenses in Kansas;

(3) complies with directions and appropriate requests for information from the regulating agency of each state where such person is licensed or registered;

(4) will respond directly and within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 15 days, to all communications from the state board of healing arts concerning the dispensing of contact lenses in Kansas;

(5) maintains records of contact lenses and their corresponding valid, unexpired prescription dispensed in Kansas;

(6) agrees to cooperate with the state board of healing arts in providing information to the regulatory agency of any state where it is licensed or registered concerning matters related to the dispensing of contact lenses in Kansas;

(7) provides a toll-free telephone service for responding to questions and complaints from individuals in Kansas during such person's regular hours of operation and agrees to (a) include the toll-free number in literature provided with mailed contact lenses and (b) refer all questions relating to eye care for the lenses prescribed to the licensee who determined the contact lens prescription;

(8) provides the following, or substantially equivalent, written notification to the patient whenever contact lenses are supplied:

WARNING: IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS, REMOVE YOUR LENSES IMMEDIATELY AND CONSULT YOUR EYE CARE PRACTITIONER BEFORE WEARING YOUR LENSES AGAIN: UNEXPLAINED EYE DISCOMFORT, WATERING, VISION CHANGE OR REDNESS;

(9) fills contact lens prescriptions according to the strict directions of a person licensed to practice optometry or person licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Kansas, without any deviation or substitution of lenses; and

(10) consents in writing to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction of the district courts of this state and the state board of healing arts for actions arising out of this act.

(d) *The state board of healing arts may temporarily suspend or temporarily limit the registration of any person dispensing contact lenses through the mail to Kansas residents in accordance with the emergency adjudicative proceedings under the Kansas administrative procedure act if the board determines that there is cause to believe that any of the requirements of subsection (c) and that the registrant's continued dispensing of contact lenses by mail to Kansas residents would constitute an imminent danger to the public health and safety.*

(~~d~~) (e) The state board of healing arts shall remit all moneys received under this section to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state

treasury to the credit of the healing arts fee fund.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 65-1657 and 65-4967 and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 65-1627 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

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