

CHAPTER 131
SENATE BILL No. 33

AN ACT concerning the state board of pharmacy; pharmacy technicians; terms and membership of the state board of pharmacy; fingerprinting and criminal history record checks; creating a statewide electronic logging system for the sale of methamphetamine precursors; amending K.S.A. 74-1603 and 74-1604 and K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 65-1643 and 65-1663 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 65-1643b.

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

New Section 1. As used in the statewide electronic logging system for sale of methamphetamine precursor act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Board" means the state board of pharmacy.
- (b) "Methamphetamine precursor" means any compound, mixture or preparation containing pseudoephedrine, ephedrine or phenylpropanolamine, or any of their salts or optical isomers, or salts of optical isomers, but does not include products that have been formulated in such a way as to effectively prevent the conversion of the active ingredient into methamphetamine, or its salts for precursors, and does not include animal feed products containing ephedrine or any naturally occurring or herbal ephedra or extract of ephedra.
- (c) "Pharmacy" means premises, laboratory, area or other place, including in-state and out-of-state facilities that are required to be registered under K.S.A. 65-1643 or 65-1657, and amendments thereto: (1) Where drugs are offered for sale where the profession of pharmacy is practiced and where prescriptions are compounded and dispensed; or (2) which has displayed upon it or within it the words "pharmacist," "pharmaceutical chemist," "pharmacy," "apothecary," "drugstore," "druggist," "drugs," "drug sundries" or any of these words or combinations of these words or words of similar import either in English or any sign containing any of these words; or (3) where the characteristic symbols of pharmacy or the characteristic prescription sign "Rx" may be exhibited.

New Sec. 2. (a) The board shall establish and maintain a program for a statewide electronic logging system for sale of methamphetamine precursors.

(b) Each pharmacy shall maintain an electronic methamphetamine precursor recording log documenting the sale of methamphetamine precursors. The board shall promulgate rules and regulations specifying a standardized format for the log and the information that each pharmacy shall submit to the board, which shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The name and address of the person purchasing, receiving or otherwise acquiring the methamphetamine precursor;
- (2) the name of the product and quantity purchased;
- (3) the date and time of the purchase; and
- (4) the name, or initials, of the licensed pharmacist, registered pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern or clerk supervised by a licensed pharmacist who sold the product.

(c) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, each pharmacy shall maintain the purchaser's signature in accordance with subsection (k) of K.S.A. 65-1643, and amendments thereto.

(d) Each pharmacy that is capable shall submit the information from the log in real time in accordance with transmission methods specified in rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

(e) The board may grant a waiver exempting a pharmacy from compliance with the requirements of this section upon showing of good cause by the pharmacy that it is otherwise unable to submit log information by electronic means for various reasons, including, but not limited to, mechanical or electronic failure or financial, technological or any other undue burden on the pharmacy, established by rules and regulations. Such waiver may permit the pharmacy to submit log information by paper form or other means, provided that all information required by rules and regulations is submitted in this alternative format.

(f) No pharmacy or pharmacy employee shall be liable to any person in a civil action for damages or other relief arising from a sale of a methamphetamine precursor that occurs at another pharmacy.

(g) The requirements of this section shall not apply where there is a lawful prescription present for the methamphetamine precursor sold.

New Sec. 3. (a) The cost of establishing and maintaining the state-

wide electronic logging system shall be borne by the state, other non-state units of government, private entities, or others. Pharmacies shall not be required to bear the costs associated with establishing and maintaining the electronic logging system, through any additional charges, whether statewide, regional, county-wide or otherwise as provided in this section.

(b) In the event that funding for a statewide program is not available, the board may implement the program on a non-statewide basis, whether such program is funded regionally or county-wide or otherwise. The board shall, by rules and regulations, prescribe that such regional or non-statewide program comply with requirements applicable to a statewide program, including that such non-state governmental units or regional programs may not utilize different vendors. Any requirements of this act shall only be applicable to pharmacies within such units of government or regions, if a regional program is established, and all other pharmacies in the state shall be exempt from requirements for the electronic logging system required pursuant to this act.

(c) If the state, other non-state units of government, private entities or others are unable to bear the costs of establishing and maintaining the electronic logging system, pharmacies within the state, or in the case of regional or other non-statewide programs, pharmacies within those program areas shall be relieved of any obligation to comply with the statewide electronic logging system program pursuant to this act. Such pharmacies shall still be subject to the requirements of maintaining a log as provided in subsection (k) of K.S.A. 65-1643, and amendments thereto.

(d) The board shall not impose any additional charges for the establishment or maintenance of the program for the recording of methamphetamine precursors on a pharmacy. The board shall not charge any fees for the transmission of data to the program database or for the receipt of information from the database.

(e) The state board of pharmacy may receive and expend, or supervise the expenditure of, any donation, gift, grant or bequest made to the board for furthering any phase of the statewide electronic logging system program.

New Sec. 4. (a) Methamphetamine precursor recording log information submitted to the board shall be confidential and not a public record and not subject to the Kansas open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto, except as provided in subsections (c) and (d).

(b) The board shall maintain procedures to ensure that the privacy and confidentiality of information collected, recorded, transmitted and maintained is not disclosed to persons except as provided in subsections (c) and (d).

(c) The board shall be authorized to provide data in the log to the following persons:

(1) Any person authorized to prescribe or dispense products containing pseudoephedrine, ephedrine or phenylpropanolamine, for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this act; and

(2) local, state and federal law enforcement or prosecutorial officials.

(d) The board may provide data to public or private entities for statistical, research or educational purposes after removing information that could be used to identify individual patients or persons who received methamphetamine precursors from pharmacies.

New Sec. 5. (a) The board is hereby authorized to contract with another agency of this state or with a private vendor, as necessary, to ensure the effective implementation and operation of the methamphetamine precursor recording log. The state agency or private vendor selected shall have the technological capability to receive electronic log data from pharmacies submitted pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto, and to send real time notification to law enforcement officials. Regardless of the entity selected to manage the program, pharmacies are not required to use any one particular vendor's product to comply with the requirements under section 2, and amendments thereto. Any electronic system implemented by the state shall be capable of bridging with existing and future operational systems used by pharmacies at no cost to such pharmacies. Any contractor shall be bound to comply with the provisions regarding confidentiality of log information in this section, and amendments thereto, and shall be subject to the penalties specified in section 7, and amendments thereto, for unlawful acts.

(b) All information collected for the program database and any re-

records maintained by the board, or by any entity contracting with the board, submitted to, maintained or stored as a part of the database, shall be retained for five years. Such information and records shall then be destroyed unless a law enforcement entity has submitted a written request to the board for retention of specific information or records in accordance with procedures adopted by the board.

(c) The board shall develop and implement a program to educate pharmacies and pharmacy employees about the program for the recording of methamphetamine precursors.

(d) The board shall review the effectiveness of the program for the recording of methamphetamine precursors and submit an annual report to the senate standing committee on public health and welfare and the house standing committee on health and human services.

New Sec. 6. The board shall adopt, within six months after the effective date of this act, such rules and regulations the board deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

New Sec. 7. (a) A pharmacy that knowingly fails to submit methamphetamine precursor recording log information to the board as required by this act or knowingly submits incorrect log information shall be guilty of a severity level 10, nonperson felony.

(b) A person authorized to have log information pursuant to this act who knowingly discloses such information in violation of this act shall be guilty of a severity level 10, nonperson felony.

(c) A person authorized to have log information pursuant to this act who knowingly uses such information in a manner or for a purpose in violation of this act shall be guilty of a severity level 10, nonperson felony.

New Sec. 8. Sections 1 through 8, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the statewide electronic logging system for sale of methamphetamine precursor act.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 65-1643 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-1643. It shall be unlawful:

(a) For any person to operate, maintain, open or establish any pharmacy within this state without first having obtained a registration from the board. Each application for registration of a pharmacy shall indicate the person or persons desiring the registration, including the pharmacist in charge, as well as the location, including the street name and number, and such other information as may be required by the board to establish the identity and exact location of the pharmacy. The issuance of a registration for any pharmacy shall also have the effect of permitting such pharmacy to operate as a retail dealer without requiring such pharmacy to obtain a retail dealer's permit. On evidence satisfactory to the board: (1) That the pharmacy for which the registration is sought will be conducted in full compliance with the law and the rules and regulations of the board; (2) that the location and appointments of the pharmacy are such that it can be operated and maintained without endangering the public health or safety; (3) that the pharmacy will be under the supervision of a pharmacist, a registration shall be issued to such persons as the board shall deem qualified to conduct such a pharmacy.

(b) For any person to manufacture within this state any drugs except under the personal and immediate supervision of a pharmacist or such other person or persons as may be approved by the board after an investigation and a determination by the board that such person or persons is qualified by scientific or technical training or experience to perform such duties of supervision as may be necessary to protect the public health and safety; and no person shall manufacture any such drugs without first obtaining a registration so to do from the board. Such registration shall be subject to such rules and regulations with respect to requirements, sanitation and equipment, as the board may from time to time adopt for the protection of public health and safety.

(c) For any person to distribute at wholesale any drugs without first obtaining a registration so to do from the board.

(d) For any person to sell or offer for sale at public auction or private sale in a place where public auctions are conducted, any drugs without first having obtained a registration from the board so to do, and it shall be necessary to obtain the permission of the board in every instance where any of the products covered by this section are to be sold or offered for sale.

(e) For any person to in any manner distribute or dispense samples of any drugs without first having obtained a permit from the board so to

do, and it shall be necessary to obtain permission from the board in every instance where the samples are to be distributed or dispensed. Nothing in this subsection shall be held to regulate or in any manner interfere with the furnishing of samples of drugs to duly licensed practitioners, to mid-level practitioners, to pharmacists or to medical care facilities.

(f) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (f), for any person operating a store or place of business to sell, offer for sale or distribute any drugs to the public without first having obtained a registration or permit from the board authorizing such person so to do. No retail dealer who sells 12 or fewer different nonprescription drug products shall be required to obtain a retail dealer's permit under the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas or to pay a retail dealer new permit or permit renewal fee under such act. It shall be lawful for a retail dealer who is the holder of a valid retail dealer's permit issued by the board or for a retail dealer who sells 12 or fewer different nonprescription drug products to sell and distribute nonprescription drugs which are prepackaged, fully prepared by the manufacturer or distributor for use by the consumer and labeled in accordance with the requirements of the state and federal food, drug and cosmetic acts. Such nonprescription drugs shall not include: (1) A controlled substance; (2) a prescription-only drug; or (3) a drug product intended for human use by hypodermic injection; but such a retail dealer shall not be authorized to display any of the words listed in subsection ~~(d)~~ (dd) of K.S.A. 65-1626 and amendments thereto, for the designation of a pharmacy or drugstore.

(g) For any person to sell any drugs manufactured and sold only in the state of Kansas, unless the label and directions on such drugs shall first have been approved by the board.

(h) For any person to operate an institutional drug room without first having obtained a registration to do so from the board. Such registration shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 65-1637a and amendments thereto and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

(i) For any person to be a pharmacy student without first obtaining a registration to do so from the board, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the board, and paying a pharmacy student registration fee of \$25 to the board.

(j) For any person to operate a veterinary medical teaching hospital pharmacy without first having obtained a registration to do so from the board. Such registration shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 65-1662 and amendments thereto and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

(k) For any person to sell or distribute in a pharmacy a controlled substance designated in subsection (e) or (f) of K.S.A. 65-4113, and amendments thereto, unless:

(1) (A) Such controlled substance is sold or distributed by a licensed pharmacist, a registered pharmacy technician or a pharmacy intern or clerk supervised by a licensed pharmacist;

(B) any person purchasing, receiving or otherwise acquiring any such controlled substance produces a photo identification showing the date of birth of the person and signs a log and enters in the log, or allows the seller to enter in the log, such person's address and the date and time of sale *or allows the seller to enter such information into an electronic logging system pursuant to section 2*. The log or database required by the board shall be available for inspection during regular business hours to the board of pharmacy and any law enforcement officer;

(C) the seller determines that the name entered in the log corresponds to the name provided on such identification and that the date and time entered are correct; and

(D) the seller enters in the log the name of the controlled substance and the quantity sold; or

(2) there is a lawful prescription.

(l) For any pharmacy to allow customers to have direct access to any controlled substance designated in subsection (e) or (f) of K.S.A. 65-4113, and amendments thereto. Such controlled substance shall be placed behind the counter or stored in a locked cabinet that is located in an area of the pharmacy to which customers do not have direct access.

(m) A seller who in good faith releases information in a log pursuant to subsection (k) to any law enforcement officer is immune from civil liability for such release unless the release constitutes gross negligence or intentional, wanton or willful misconduct.

(n) *For any person to sell or lease or offer for sale or lease durable medical equipment without first obtaining a registration from the board, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the board, except that this subsection shall not apply to:*

- (1) *Sales not made in the regular course of the person's business; or*
- (2) *sales by charitable organizations exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.*

New Sec. 10. (a) As part of an original application for or reinstatement of any license, registration, permit or certificate or in connection with any investigation of any holder of a license, registration, permit or certificate, the state board of pharmacy may require a person to be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history record check. The fingerprints shall be used to identify the person and to determine whether the person has a record of criminal history in this state or other jurisdiction. The state board of pharmacy is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Kansas bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation for a state and national criminal history record check. The state board of pharmacy may use the information obtained from fingerprinting and the criminal history for purposes of verifying the identification of the person and in the official determination of the qualifications and fitness of the person to be issued or to maintain a license, registration, permit or certificate.

(b) Local and state law enforcement officers and agencies shall assist the state board of pharmacy in taking and processing of fingerprints of applicants for and holders of any license, registration, permit or certificate and shall release all records of adult convictions and nonconvictions and adult convictions or adjudications of another state or country to the state board of pharmacy.

(c) The state board of pharmacy may fix and collect a fee as may be required by the board in an amount equal to the cost of fingerprinting and the criminal history record check. Any moneys collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the pharmacy fee fund. The board of pharmacy shall remit all moneys received by or for it from fees, charges or penalties 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 state treasury to the credit of the pharmacy fee fund.

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

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2008 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. Every person registered as a pharmacy technician shall pass an examination approved by the board within 30 days of becoming registered. 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) 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 by the executive secretary of the board on or before the date of expiration of the registration, shall have the effect of temporarily renewing the applicant's registration until actual issuance or denial of the renewal registration. If at the time of filing a proceeding is pending before the board which may result in the suspension, probation, revocation or denial of the applicant's registration, the board may by emergency order declare that the application for renewal shall not have the effect of temporarily re-

newing such applicant's registration. If the renewal fee is not paid by December 1 of the renewal year, the registration is void.

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

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

(3) The board may temporarily suspend or temporarily limit the registration of any pharmacy technician 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 this section against the registrant and that the registrant's continuation of pharmacy technician functions would constitute an imminent danger to the public health and safety.

(4) Proceedings under this section shall be subject to the Kansas administrative procedure act.

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

(g) Each pharmacy shall at all times maintain a list of the names of pharmacy technicians employed by the pharmacy ~~and shall post in a conspicuous location in the prescription area of the pharmacy the names of the pharmacy technicians currently on duty at the pharmacy, if any.~~ A pharmacy technician shall work under the direct supervision and control of a pharmacist. It shall be the responsibility of the supervising pharmacist to determine that the pharmacy technician is in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the board, and the supervising pharmacist shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of the pharmacy technician in the performance of the pharmacy technician's duties. The ratio of pharmacy technicians to pharmacists in the prescription area of a pharmacy shall be prescribed by the board by rule and regulation. ~~On and after July 1, 2006,~~ Any change in the ratio of pharmacy technicians to pharmacists in the prescription area of the pharmacy must be adopted by a vote of no less than ~~five~~ six members of the board.

(h) *A person holding a pharmacy technician registration shall display such registration in that part of the place of business in which such person is engaged in pharmacy technician activities.*

~~(h)~~ (i) The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to ensure that pharmacy technicians are adequately trained as to the nature and scope of their lawful duties.

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

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

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 74-1603 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-1603. (a) There is hereby created a state board of pharmacy which shall consist of ~~six~~ seven members, ~~five~~ six of whom shall be licensed pharmacists, and one of whom shall be a representative of the general public.

(b) Vacancies occurring on the board other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment was made. No person who has been appointed to and qualified for two terms of ~~three years~~ as a member of the board of pharmacy shall be eligible to be appointed as a member of the board. *On July 1, 2009, the term of office of each existing board member shall be extended by one year.*

(c) The office of the state board of pharmacy shall be located in the city of Topeka, Kansas.

Sec. 13. K.S.A. 74-1604 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-1604. The governor shall appoint the members of the board and such members *appointed on and after July 1, 2009,* shall serve for terms of ~~three~~ four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

No pharmacist shall be eligible for appointment as a member of the board unless such pharmacist has been a resident of the state and actively employed in or engaged in the practice of pharmacy in Kansas for at least five years immediately preceding the date of appointment.

Sec. 14. K.S.A. 74-1603 and 74-1604 and K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 65-1643, 65-1643b and 65-1663 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Approved May 21, 2009.
