

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2226

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations;

amending 59 O.S. 1991, Sections 353.1, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 199, O.S.L. 1993 and 355 (59 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 353.1), which relate to the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act; authorizing certain advanced practice nurses to prescribe, dispense or administer certain drugs and medical supplies within their scope of practice; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 353.1, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 199, O.S.L. 1993 (59 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 353.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 353.1 For the purposes of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act:

1. "Pharmacy" means a place regularly licensed by the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy in which prescriptions, drugs, medicines, chemicals and poisons are compounded or dispensed;
2. "Pharmacist" means a person registered by the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy to engage in the practice of pharmacy;
3. "Drugs" means all medicinal substances and preparations recognized by the United States Pharmacopoeia and National

Formulary, or any revision thereof, and all substances and preparations intended for external and internal use in the cure, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in humans and all substances and preparations, other than food, intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of a human;

4. "Medicine" means any drug or combination of drugs which has the property of curing, preventing, treating, diagnosing or mitigating diseases, or which is used for that purpose;

5. "Poison" means any substance which when introduced into the system, either directly or by absorption, produces violent, morbid or fatal changes, or which destroys living tissue with which such substance comes into contact;

6. "Chemical" means any medicinal substance, whether simple or compound or obtained through the process of the science and art of chemistry, whether of organic or inorganic origin;

7. "Prescription" means and includes any order for drug or medical supplies written or signed or transmitted by word of mouth, telephone or other means of communication by a legally competent practitioner of medicine, dentistry, osteopathy, optometry certified by the Board of Examiners in Optometry, podiatry, ~~or~~ veterinary medicine, or advanced practice nurses recognized by the Board of Nursing, licensed by law to prescribe such drugs and medical supplies intended to be filled, compounded, or dispensed by a pharmacist;

8. "Filled prescription" means a packaged prescription medication to which a label has been affixed, which shall contain such information as is required by the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act;

9. "Nonprescription drugs" means medicines or drugs which are sold without a prescription and which are prepackaged for use by the consumer and labeled in accordance with the requirements of the statutes and regulations of this state and the federal government. Such items shall also include medical and dental supplies, and

bottled or nonbulk chemicals which are sold or offered for sale to the general public, if such articles or preparations meet the requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act;

10. "Hospital" means any institution licensed by this state for the care and treatment of patients;

11. "Person" means every individual, copartnership, corporation or association, unless the context otherwise requires;

12. "Board" or "State Board" means the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy;

13. "Administer" means the direct application of a drug, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion or any other means, to the body of a patient;

14. "Dispense" includes sell, distribute, leave with, give away, dispose of, deliver, or supply;

15. "Wholesaler" or "Distributor" means a person engaged in the business of distributing dangerous drugs or medicines at wholesale to pharmacies, hospitals, practitioners, government agencies, or other lawful drug outlets permitted to sell or use drugs or medicines;

16. "Dangerous drug", "legend drug" or "prescription drug" means a drug which, under federal law, is required, prior to being dispensed or delivered, to be labeled with either of the following statements: (i) "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription", or (ii) "Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian", or a drug which is required by any applicable federal or state law or regulation to be dispensed on prescription only or is restricted to use by practitioners only;

17. "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the manufacturing of drugs;

18. "Practice of pharmacy" means:

- a. the interpretation and evaluation of prescription orders,
- b. the compounding, dispensing, and labeling of drugs and devices, except labeling by a manufacturer, packer or distributor of nonprescription drugs and commercially packaged legend drugs and devices,
- c. the participation in drug selection and drug utilization reviews,
- d. the proper and safe storage of drugs and devices and the maintenance of proper records thereof,
- e. the responsibility for advising by counseling and providing information, where professionally necessary or where regulated, of therapeutic values, content, hazards and use of drugs and devices,
- f. the offering or performing of those acts, services, operations, or transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, management and control of a pharmacy, and
- g. the provision of those acts or services that are necessary to provide pharmaceutical care;

19. "Drug outlet" means all pharmacies, wholesalers, manufacturers, or wherever dangerous drugs are stored, and facilities which are engaged in dispensing, delivery or distribution of dangerous drugs;

20. "Manufacturing" means the production, preparation, propagation, compounding, conversion, or processing of a device or a drug, either directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of natural origin or independently by means of chemical or biological synthesis and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substances or labeling or relabeling of its container, and the promotion and marketing of such drugs or devices. The term "manufacturing" also includes the preparation and promotion of

commercially available products from bulk compounds for resale by pharmacies, practitioners or other persons;

21. "Assistant pharmacist" means any person presently licensed as an assistant pharmacist in the State of Oklahoma by the Board pursuant to Section 353.10 of this title and for the purposes of this act shall be considered the same as a pharmacist, except where otherwise specified;

22. "Packager" means any person, firm, or corporation, except a pharmacy, who transfers dangerous drugs including but not limited to compressed medical gases from one container to another of any type;

23. "Continuing professional education" means professional, pharmaceutical education in the general areas of the socioeconomic and legal aspects of health care; the properties and actions of drugs and dosage forms; and the etiology, characteristics and therapeutics of the diseased state;

24. "Accredited program" means those seminars, classes, meetings, work projects and other educational courses approved by the Board for purposes of continuing professional education; and

25. "Compounding" means the preparation, mixing, assembling, packaging, or labeling of a drug or device:

- a. as the result of a practitioner's prescription drug order or initiative based on the practitioner/patient/pharmacist relationship in the course of professional practice, or
- b. for the purpose of, or incident to, research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not for sale or dispensing.

Compounding also includes the preparation of drugs or devices in anticipation of prescription drug orders based on routine, regularly observed prescribing patterns.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 355, is amended to read as follows:

Section 355. As used in this act:

1. "Dangerous drugs" means any drug intended for use by man which, because of its toxicity or other potentiality for harmful effects, or the method of its use, or the collateral measures necessary for its use, is not safe for use except under the supervision of a practitioner licensed by law to administer such drugs. This shall include all drugs upon which the manufacturer or distributor has, in compliance with federal law and regulations, placed the following: "Caution - Federal Law prohibits dispensing without prescription";

2. "Licensed practitioner" means a physician, dentist, podiatrist, osteopathic physician, veterinarian, or optometrist licensed to practice and authorized to prescribe medication within the scope of his practice or advanced practice nurses recognized by the Board of Nursing to prescribe, dispense or administer medicines, devices, or treatments within their scope of practice; and

3. "Professional samples" means complimentary drugs packaged in accordance with federal and state statutes and regulations and provided to a licensed practitioner free of charge by manufacturers or distributors and distributed free of charge in such package by the licensed practitioner to his patients.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

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