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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1502

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An Act relating to pharmacy; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 353.7, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 106, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 353.7), which relates to powers and duties of the State Board of Pharmacy; authorizing certain inspections; amending Section 12, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 2015 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 353.18A), which relates to pharmacy technicians; establishing certain pharmacy technician-to-pharmacist ratio; excluding certain pharmacy technicians from certain ratio; requiring certain supervision and training; defining term; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 353.7, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 106, O.S.L. 2018 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 353.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 353.7. The State Board of Pharmacy shall have the power and duty to:

1. Regulate the practice of pharmacy;

1 2. Regulate the sale and distribution of drugs, medicines,
2 chemicals and poisons;

3 3. Regulate the dispensing of drugs and medicines in all places
4 where drugs and medicines are compounded and/or dispensed;

5 4. Examine and issue appropriate certificates of licensure as
6 Doctor of Pharmacy to all applicants whom the Board deems qualified
7 under the provisions of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act;

8 5. Issue licenses to manufacturers, repackagers, outsourcing
9 facilities, wholesale distributors, third-party logistics providers,
10 pharmacies, and other dispensers, medical gas suppliers, and medical
11 gas distributors;

12 6. Issue sterile compounding and drug supplier permits for
13 pharmacies at the fee set by the Board, with the expiration date of
14 such permits to coincide with the pharmacy license annual expiration
15 date;

16 7. Prescribe minimum standards with respect to floor space and
17 other physical characteristics of pharmacies and hospital drug rooms
18 as may be reasonably necessary for the maintenance of professional
19 surroundings and for the protection of the safety and welfare of the
20 public, and to refuse the issuance of new or renewal licenses for
21 failure to comply with such standards. Minimum standards for
22 hospital drug rooms shall be consistent with the State Department of
23 Health, Hospital Standards, as defined in OAC 310:667;

1 8. Authorize its inspectors, compliance officers, and duly
2 authorized representatives to enter and inspect any and all places,
3 including premises, vehicles, equipment, contents and records, where
4 drugs, medicines, chemicals, or poisons are stored, sold, vended,
5 given away, compounded, dispensed, manufactured, repackaged or
6 transported;

7 9. For good cause, inspect a pharmacy that is licensed by the
8 Board but is not located within this state at the pharmacy's expense
9 by one or more inspectors, compliance officers or duly authorized
10 representatives employed by or approved by the Board including, but
11 not limited to, an inspector obtained through the National
12 Association of Boards of Pharmacy;

13 10. Employ the number of inspectors and pharmacist compliance
14 officers necessary in the investigation of criminal activity or
15 preparation of administrative actions at an annual salary to be
16 fixed by the Board, and to authorize necessary expenses. Any
17 inspector certified as a peace officer by the Council of Enforcement
18 Education and Training shall have statewide jurisdiction to perform
19 the duties authorized by this section. In addition, the inspectors
20 shall be considered peace officers and shall have the same powers
21 and authority as that granted to peace officers. In addition, such
22 inspectors or pharmacist compliance officers shall have the
23 authority to take and copy records and the duty to confiscate all
24 drugs, medicines, chemicals or poisons found to be stored, sold,

1 vended, given away, compounded, dispensed or manufactured contrary
2 to the provisions of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act;

3 ~~10.~~ 11. Investigate complaints, subpoena witnesses and records,
4 initiate prosecution, and hold hearings;

5 ~~11.~~ 12. Administer oaths in all manners pertaining to the
6 affairs of the Board and to take evidence and compel the attendance
7 of witnesses on questions pertaining to the enforcement of the
8 Oklahoma Pharmacy Act;

9 ~~12.~~ 13. Reprimand, place on probation, suspend, revoke
10 permanently and levy fines not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars
11 (\$3,000.00) for each count for which any person charged with
12 violating the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act or Oklahoma Board of Pharmacy
13 administrative rules has been convicted in Board hearings. The
14 Board also may take other disciplinary action. The Board may impose
15 as part of any disciplinary action the payment of costs expended by
16 the Board for any legal fees and costs, including, but not limited
17 to, staff time, salary and travel expense, witness fees and attorney
18 fees. The Board may also require additional continuing education,
19 including attendance at a live continuing education program, and may
20 require participation in a rehabilitation program for the impaired.
21 The Board may take such actions singly or in combination, as the
22 nature of the violation requires;

23 ~~13.~~ 14. Adopt and establish rules of professional conduct
24 appropriate to the establishment and maintenance of a high standard

1 of integrity and dignity in the profession of pharmacy. Such rules
2 shall be subject to amendment or repeal by the Board as the need may
3 arise;

4 ~~14.~~ 15. Make and publish rules such as may be necessary for
5 carrying out and enforcing the provisions of the Oklahoma Pharmacy
6 Act, Oklahoma drug laws and rules, federal drug laws and
7 regulations, and make such other rules as in its discretion may be
8 necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public;

9 ~~15.~~ 16. Establish and collect appropriate fees for licenses,
10 permits, inspections, and services provided; and such fees shall be
11 nonrefundable. Such fees shall be promulgated to implement the
12 provisions of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act under the provisions of the
13 Administrative Procedures Act;

14 ~~16.~~ 17. Regulate:

- 15 a. personnel working in a pharmacy, such as interns and
16 supportive personnel, including technicians, and issue
17 pharmacy technician permits and intern licenses,
- 18 b. interns, preceptors and training areas through which
19 the training of applicants occurs for licensure as a
20 pharmacist, and
- 21 c. such persons regarding all aspects relating to the
22 handling of drugs, medicines, chemicals, and poisons;

23 ~~17.~~ 18. Acquire by purchase, lease, gift, solicitation of gift
24 or by any other manner, and to maintain, use and operate or to

1 contract for the maintenance, use and operation of or lease of any
2 and all property of any kind, real, personal or mixed or any
3 interest therein unless otherwise provided by the Oklahoma Pharmacy
4 Act; provided, all contracts for real property shall be subject to
5 the provisions of Section 63 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

6 ~~18.~~ 19. Perform other such duties, exercise other such powers
7 and employ such personnel as the provisions and enforcement of the
8 Oklahoma Pharmacy Act may require; and

9 ~~19.~~ 20. Approve pilot projects designed to utilize new or
10 expanded technology or processes and provide patients with better
11 pharmacy products or provide pharmacy services in a more safe and
12 efficient manner. Such approvals may include provisions granting
13 exemptions to any rule adopted by the Board.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 12, Chapter 230, O.S.L.
15 2015 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 353.18A), is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 Section 353.18A. A. Supportive personnel may perform certain
18 tasks in the practice of pharmacy if such personnel perform the
19 tasks in compliance with rules promulgated by the State Board of
20 Pharmacy.

21 B. 1. No person shall serve as a pharmacy technician without
22 first procuring a permit from the Board.

23 2. An application for an initial or renewal pharmacy technician
24 permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be

submitted to the Board and provide any other information deemed relevant by the Board.

3. An application for an initial or renewal permit shall be accompanied by a permit fee not to exceed ~~Seventy Five~~ Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) for each period of one (1) year. A permit issued pursuant to this subsection shall be valid for a period to be determined by the Board.

4. Every permitted pharmacy technician who fails to complete a renewal form and remit the required renewal fee to the Board by the fifteenth day after the expiration of the permit shall pay a late fee to be fixed by the Board.

5. A pharmacy technician permit shall be cancelled thirty (30) days after expiration.

6. A person may obtain reinstatement of a cancelled pharmacy technician permit by making application, paying a reinstatement fee, and satisfactorily completing other requirements set by the Board.

C. A pharmacy licensed exclusively as a hospital pharmacy that does not conduct retail business shall maintain a pharmacy technician-to-pharmacist ratio of not more than four pharmacy technicians to one supervising pharmacist.

D. A licensed pharmacy that conducts significant compounding may utilize up to two pharmacy technicians specifically trained in the art of pharmacy compounding who shall not be counted for the purposes of the pharmacy technician-to-pharmacist ratio of two

1 pharmacy technicians to one supervising pharmacist as established by
2 Board rule. Every pharmacy technician shall be supervised at all
3 times by a licensed pharmacist. The additional pharmacy technician
4 or technicians may only perform tasks related to compounding and
5 shall have completed not less than fifteen (15) hours of training as
6 a compounding technician. As used in this subsection, "significant
7 compounding" means activity which equals at least ten percent (10%)
8 of net profit of the pharmacy.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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