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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to pharmacy practice; creating
3 s. 465.0075, F.S.; authorizing licensure of
4 pharmacists by endorsement and providing
5 requirements therefor, including a fee;
6 providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Section 465.0075, Florida Statutes, is
11 created to read:

12 465.0075 Licensure by endorsement; requirements;
13 fee.--

14 (1) The department shall issue a license by
15 endorsement to any applicant who applies to the department and
16 remits a nonrefundable fee of not more than \$100, as set by
17 the board, and whom the board certifies:

18 (a) Has met the qualifications for licensure in s.
19 465.007(1)(b)-(c);

20 (b) Has obtained a passing score, as established by
21 rule of the board, on the licensure examination of the
22 National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABPLEX) or a
23 similar national organization, if the board certifies as
24 eligible for licensure by endorsement any applicant who took
25 the required examination not more than 15 years prior to
26 application;

27 (c)1. Has submitted evidence of the active licensed
28 practice of pharmacy in another jurisdiction for at least 2 of
29 the immediately preceding 5 years or evidence of successful
30 completion of board-approved postgraduate training or a
31 board-approved clinical competency examination within the year

1 immediately preceding application for licensure. For purposes
2 of this paragraph, "active licensed practice of pharmacy"
3 means the practice of pharmacy by pharmacists, including those
4 employed by any governmental entity in community or public
5 health, as defined by this chapter; or

6 2. Has completed an internship meeting the
7 requirements of s. 465.007(1)(c) within the 2 years
8 immediately preceding application; and

9 (d) Has obtained a passing score on the pharmacy
10 jurisprudence portions of the licensure examination, as
11 required by board rule.

12 (2) Upon certification by the board, the department
13 shall impose conditions, limitations, or restrictions on a
14 license by endorsement if the applicant is on probation in
15 another jurisdiction for an act that would constitute a
16 violation of this chapter.

17 (3) The department may not issue a license by
18 endorsement to any applicant who is under investigation in any
19 jurisdiction for an act or offense that would constitute a
20 violation of this chapter until the investigation is complete,
21 at which time the provisions of s. 465.016 apply.

22 (4) The department may not issue a license by
23 endorsement to any applicant whose license to practice
24 pharmacy has been suspended or revoked in another state or to
25 any applicant who is currently the subject of any disciplinary
26 proceeding in another state.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
28 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Authorizes the licensure of pharmacists by endorsement.
Establishes procedures for the issuance of such licenses
and establishes a fee.