

By the Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care; and
Senators Saunders, Myers, Dyer and Latvala

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

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

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

465.0075 Licensure by endorsement; requirements;
fee.--

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

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

(b) Has obtained a passing score, as established by
rule of the board, on the licensure examination of the
National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABPLEX) or a
similar national organization, if the board certifies that the
applicant has taken the required examination not more than 15
years prior to application;

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

1 of this paragraph, "active licensed practice of pharmacy"
2 means the practice of pharmacy by pharmacists, including those
3 employed by any governmental entity in community or public
4 health, as defined by this chapter; or

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

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

11 (2) The department may not issue a license by
12 endorsement to any applicant who is under investigation in any
13 jurisdiction for an act or offense that would constitute a
14 violation of this chapter until the investigation is complete,
15 at which time the provisions of s. 465.016 apply.

16 (3) The department may not issue a license by
17 endorsement to any applicant whose license to practice
18 pharmacy has been suspended or revoked in another state or to
19 any applicant who is currently the subject of any disciplinary
20 proceeding in another state.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
22 law.

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24 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
25 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
26 SB 168

27 The committee substitute restricts licensure by endorsement of
28 applicants who have taken the required licensure examination
29 no more than 15 years before their application. The bill
30 revises the requirements for the Board of Pharmacy and the
31 Department of Health to impose restrictions on a license by
endorsement for any act committed in another jurisdiction that
would constitute a violation of chapter 465. F.S.