

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 amending s. 465.023, F.S.; providing for
 7 disciplinary actions against pharmacy
 8 permittees for interfering with or attempting
 9 to interfere with the professional judgment of
 10 a pharmacist in the practice of the profession
 11 of pharmacy; providing an effective date.

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

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

17 465.0075 Licensure by endorsement; requirements;
 18 fee.--

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

23 (a) Has met the qualifications for licensure in s.
 24 465.007(1)(b)-(c);

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

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1 (c)1. Has submitted evidence of the active licensed
2 practice of pharmacy in another jurisdiction for at least 2 of
3 the immediately preceding 5 years or evidence of successful
4 completion of board-approved postgraduate training or a
5 board-approved clinical competency examination within the year
6 immediately preceding application for licensure. For purposes
7 of this paragraph, "active licensed practice of pharmacy"
8 means the practice of pharmacy by pharmacists, including those
9 employed by any governmental entity in community or public
10 health, as defined by this chapter; or

11 2. Has completed an internship meeting the
12 requirements of s. 465.007(1)(c) within the 2 years
13 immediately preceding application; and

14 (d) Has obtained a passing score on the pharmacy
15 jurisprudence portions of the licensure examination, as
16 required by board rule.

17 (2) An applicant licensed in another state for a
18 period in excess of 2 years from the date of application for
19 licensure in this state shall submit a total of at least 30
20 hours of board-approved continuing education for the 2
21 calendar years immediately preceding application.

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

27 (4) The department may not issue a license by
28 endorsement to any applicant whose license to practice
29 pharmacy has been suspended or revoked in another state or to
30 any applicant who is currently the subject of any disciplinary
31 proceeding in another state.

1 Section 2. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (1) of
2 section 465.023, Florida Statutes, to read:

3 465.023 Pharmacy permittee; disciplinary action.--

4 (1) The department or the board may revoke or suspend
5 the permit of any pharmacy permittee, and may fine, place on
6 probation, or otherwise discipline any pharmacy permittee who
7 has:

8 (e) Interfered with or attempted to interfere with the
9 professional judgment of a pharmacist in the practice of the
10 profession of pharmacy.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
12 law.

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