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HOUSE BILL 1385*
Committee Substitute Favorable 9/14/98

Short Title: Pharmacy Personnel.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 21, 1998

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE
3 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO DEFINE
4 PHARMACY PERSONNEL AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS, TO ALLOW
5 THE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO REGISTER PHARMACY TECHNICIANS,
6 AND TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO STUDY THE NEED FOR A
7 TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PHARMACY TECHNICIANS.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 Section 1. G.S. 90-85.3 is amended by adding two new subsections to read:

10 "(q1) 'Pharmacy personnel' means pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

11 (q2) 'Pharmacy technician' means unlicensed persons who spend the majority of
12 their time dispensing as aides to and under the supervision of a pharmacist and are
13 registered with the Board in accordance with G.S. 90-85.15A."

14 Section 2. Article 4A of Chapter 90 is amended by adding a new section to
15 read:

16 "**§ 90-85.15A. Pharmacy technicians; registration.**

17 Pharmacy technicians shall register annually with the Board in accordance with rules
18 adopted by the Board pursuant to Chapter 150B of the General Statutes."

19 Section 3. G.S. 90-85.21(a) reads as rewritten:

1 **"§ 90-85.21. Pharmacy permit.**

2 (a) In accordance with Board regulations, each pharmacy in North Carolina shall
3 annually register with the Board on a form provided by the Board. The application shall
4 identify the pharmacist-manager of the pharmacy and all ~~pharmacist-pharmacy~~ pharmacy personnel
5 employed in the pharmacy. All pharmacist-managers shall notify the Board of any
6 change in ~~pharmacist-pharmacy~~ pharmacy personnel within 30 days of such change."

7 Section 4. G.S. 90-85.24 reads as rewritten:

8 **"§ 90-85.24. Fees collectible by Board.**

9 The Board of Pharmacy shall be entitled to charge and collect not more than the
10 following fees: for the examination of an applicant for license as a pharmacist, one
11 hundred sixty dollars (\$160.00) plus the cost of the test material; for renewing the license
12 as a pharmacist, one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00); for renewing the license of an
13 assistant pharmacist, ten dollars (\$10.00); for licenses without examination as provided in
14 G.S. 90-85.20, original, four hundred dollars (\$400.00); for original registration of a
15 pharmacy, three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), and renewal thereof, one hundred
16 seventy-five dollars (\$175.00); for annual registration as a dispensing physician under
17 G.S. 90-85.21(b), fifty dollars (\$50.00); for annual registration as a dispensing physician
18 assistant under G.S. 90-18.1, fifty dollars (\$50.00); for annual registration as a dispensing
19 nurse practitioner under G.S. 90-18.2, fifty dollars (\$50.00); ~~for registration of any change~~
20 ~~in pharmacist personnel as required under G.S. 90-85.21(a), twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);~~ for a
21 duplicate of any license, permit, or registration issued by the Board, twenty-five dollars
22 (\$25.00); for registration to dispense devices, deliver medical equipment, or both, three
23 hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year. All fees shall be paid before any applicant may be
24 admitted to examination or the applicant's name may be placed upon the register of
25 ~~pharmacists-pharmacy~~ pharmacy personnel, or before any license or permit, or any renewal thereof,
26 may be issued by the Board."

27 Section 5. The Board of Pharmacy shall study the need for a training program
28 for pharmacy technicians and report its findings to the 1999 Regular Session of the 1999
29 General Assembly.

30 Section 6. This act is effective when it becomes law.