

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2025**

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**SENATE BILL 855**

Short Title: Community-Based Pharmacy Protections. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hise, Galey, and Burgin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 29, 2026

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCLUDE ALL COMMUNITY-BASED PHARMACIES OPERATING UNDER  
3 INDEPENDENT OWNERSHIP IN THE DEFINITION OF INDEPENDENT PHARMACY.  
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 58-51-37(6) reads as rewritten:

6 "(6) Independent pharmacy. – A pharmacy that ~~is part of a group~~ has a limited  
7 market of 10 or fewer pharmacies under common ownership, including a  
8 pharmacy that is part of a group of one states and that meets at least one of the  
9 following criteria:

10 a. Is non-publicly traded.

11 b. Has a pharmacy-focused core business objective."

12 **SECTION 2.** Effective July 1, 2026, there is appropriated from the General Fund to  
13 the Department of Insurance the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in nonrecurring  
14 funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used to support the implementation and enforcement of  
15 the provisions of S.L. 2025-69, also known as The SCRIPT Act.

16 **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
17 law.

