

Senate Bill No. 654

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 for legislative review; 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 or a similar nationally recognized examination, if the board certifies that the applicant has taken the required examination not more than 12 years prior to application;

(c)1. Has submitted evidence of the active licensed practice of pharmacy, including practice in community or public health by persons employed by a governmental entity, 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; or

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. During the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature, the appropriate committee of each house of the Legislature shall review the effect of this act and make recommendations to the presiding officer of that house regarding such review.

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

Approved by the Governor June 6, 2001.

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