

HB 565 -- Pharmacy

Sponsor: Behnen

This bill contains provisions relating to pharmacies, pharmacists, pharmaceutical services, and drug distributors. The bill:

- (1) Allows the State Board of Pharmacy to place the names of pharmacy technicians on the employee disqualification list;
- (2) Gives the board the authority to refuse to issue or renew certificates of registration or licenses and suspend or restrict licenses for certain conduct;
- (3) Allows the board to conduct disciplinary hearings on applicants for licensure who hold out-of-state licenses and who have been disciplined;
- (4) Authorizes the board to issue civil penalties against unlicensed persons engaging in the practice of pharmacy;
- (5) Allows for an appeal process for the imposition of civil penalties before the Administrative Hearing Commission;
- (6) Provides for immunity from civil liability for persons providing good faith information regarding licensees;
- (7) Adds two new pharmacy classifications: non-sterile compounding pharmacy and Internet pharmacy;
- (8) Gives the board the authority to terminate the distribution of prescription drugs that have been adulterated, misbranded, or stolen; and
- (9) Allows the board to order payment by the licensee for costs incurred by the board during an investigation and prosecution in disciplinary cases.