

HB 513 -- Pharmacies and Pharmacists

Sponsor: Wells

This bill changes the laws regarding pharmacies and pharmacists. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Expands the definition of "practice of pharmacy" to include the compounding, dispensing, labeling, and administration of drugs and devices for pneumonia and shingles vaccines by written protocol authorized by a physician;

(2) Removes the provision of the law which authorizes an applicant for a pharmacy technician license to practice for a period of up to 90 days prior to the issuance of his or her certificate of registration;

(3) Voids and nulls all pharmacy technician certificates of registration 30 days after the expiration date;

(4) Allows licensed pharmacists to perform certain nondispensing activities and the administration of drugs and vaccines by protocol outside of a pharmacy without a pharmacy permit subject to rules established by the Board of Pharmacy within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration;

(5) Authorizes the board to establish the licensing filing fee amount for out-of-state wholesale drug distributors. Currently, the filing fee is \$10; and

(6) Repeals the provisions which require the board to publish a list of drugs which are not allowed to be substituted.