

March 14, 2001

S 446. PHARMACY TECHNICIANS. TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT BY AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH REGISTRATION CRITERIA FOR PHARMACY TECHNICIANS. Requires all pharmacy technicians, except students enrolled in a Board-approved school of pharmacy, to register annually with the Board of Pharmacy. Defines "pharmacy technician" as an unlicensed person who works under the supervision of a pharmacist and performs technical functions to assist in preparing and dispensing prescription medications. Sets forth minimum education and training requirements for a person to be registered. Limits the number of pharmacy technicians that may be supervised by a single pharmacist to two, unless certain conditions are met. Sets the maximum fee the Board may charge to register pharmacy technicians at \$25.00. Authorizes Board to discipline pharmacy technicians by revoking registration or taking other adverse actions, in specified circumstances. Effective Jan. 1, 2002.

Intro. by Purcell.

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April 4, 2001

S 446. PHARMACY TECHNICIANS. Intro. 3/14/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes clarifying changes.

June 20, 2001

S 446. PHARMACY TECHNICIANS. Intro. 3/14/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Requires the Board to register and maintain a registry of pharmacy technicians who pay the fee and complete the required training program. Provides that a pharmacist-manager must (1) notify the Board within 30 days of the date a technician begins employment and (2) provide a training program that must be completed by the technician pharmacist within 180 days of the first date of employment, unless the technician is currently registered with the Board. Clarifies that the content of respective training programs may be based on the type of employment. Exempts pharmacy technicians from the new training requirements if the pharmacist-manager certifies that the person has already received the necessary training and the person registers with the Board before July 1, 2002. Deletes exception from annual registration for students enrolled in pharmacy school. Requires the Board to respond within 60 days to requests from pharmacist-managers to supervise more than two pharmacy technicians. Adds new GS 90-85.15A to clarify that the board may take disciplinary action against pharmacy technicians for applicable wrongdoing. Amends GS 90-85.40(a) and (c) to provide that it is unlawful for any person to compound or dispense a prescription drug unless that person is a pharmacy technician or pharmacy student and is working under the supervision of a pharmacist. Grants rulemaking authority to the Board. Makes technical changes to the definition of "pharmacy technician."

July 23, 2001

S 446. PHARMACY TECHNICIANS. Intro. 3/14/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Rewrites title to read *AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT BY AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH REGISTRATION CRITERIA FOR PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND TO INCLUDE PHARMACY TECHNICIANS IN BOARD AGREEMENTS WITH SPECIAL PEER REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS.* Adds pharmacy technicians to the coverage of GS 90-85.41, concerning Board agreements with special peer review organizations for impaired pharmacy personnel.