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SENATE BILL DRS15408-MRa-159

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

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

Referred to:

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.

