



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4154

Introduced 10/15/2025, by Rep. Natalie A. Manley

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 85/7

from Ch. 111, par. 4127

Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act. Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall authorize the examination of applicants as pharmacists at such times and places as it may determine (rather than not less than 3 times per year). Provides that the Department and the Board of Pharmacy shall regularly monitor the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination or its successor to ensure that the examination of applicants is of a character to give a fair test of the qualifications of the applicant to practice pharmacy. Provides that applicants for examination as pharmacists for the calendar years 2025, 2026, and 2027 shall be required to pass only the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination. Provides that the results from the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination for such applicants shall be disregarded and shall not prohibit an applicant who has successfully passed the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination from engaging in the practice of pharmacy. Provides that applicants for examination as pharmacists shall be required to pay, either to the Department or the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (rather than the designated testing service), a fee covering the cost of providing the examination. Provides that the Department shall notify applicants taking the examination of their results no later than 2 weeks after (rather than within 7 weeks of) the examination date. Makes conforming changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Pharmacy Practice Act is amended by
5 changing Section 7 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 85/7) (from Ch. 111, par. 4127)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

8 Sec. 7. Application; examination. Applications for
9 original licenses shall be made to the Department in writing
10 or electronically on forms prescribed by the Department and
11 shall be accompanied by the required fee, which shall not be
12 refundable. Any such application shall require such
13 information as in the judgment of the Department will enable
14 the Board and Department to pass on the qualifications of the
15 applicant for a license.

16 The Department shall authorize the examination
17 ~~examinations~~ of applicants as pharmacists ~~not less than 3~~
18 ~~times per year~~ at such times and places as it may determine.
19 The North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX)
20 or its successor shall be monitored regularly by the
21 Department and the Board of Pharmacy to ensure that the
22 examination of applicants is ~~shall be~~ of a character to give a
23 fair test of the qualifications of the applicant to practice

1 pharmacy.

2 Applicants for examination as pharmacists for the calendar
3 years 2025, 2026, and 2027 shall be required to pass only the
4 North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination. The results
5 from the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE)
6 for such applicants shall be disregarded and shall not
7 prohibit an applicant who has successfully passed the North
8 American Pharmacist Licensure Examination from engaging in the
9 practice of pharmacy.

10 Applicants for examination as pharmacists shall be
11 required to pay, either to the Department or the National
12 Association of Boards of Pharmacy ~~designated testing service,~~
13 a fee covering the cost of providing the examination. Failure
14 to appear for the examination on the scheduled date, at the
15 time and place specified, after the applicant's application
16 for examination has been received and acknowledged by the
17 Department or the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
18 ~~designated testing service,~~ shall result in the forfeiture of
19 the examination fee. The examination shall be developed and
20 provided by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

21 If an applicant neglects, fails, or refuses to take the an
22 examination or fails to pass the an examination for a license
23 under this Act within 3 years after filing his application,
24 the application is denied. However, such applicant may
25 thereafter make a new application accompanied by the required
26 fee and show evidence of meeting the requirements in force at

1 the time of the new application.

2 The Department shall notify applicants taking the
3 examination of their results no later than 2 weeks after
4 ~~within 7 weeks of~~ the examination date. Further, the
5 Department shall have the authority to immediately authorize
6 such applicants who successfully pass the examination to
7 engage in the practice of pharmacy.

8 An applicant shall have one year from the date of
9 notification of successful completion of the examination to
10 apply to the Department for a license. If an applicant fails to
11 make such application within one year, the applicant shall be
12 required to again take and pass the examination.

13 An applicant who has graduated with a professional degree
14 from a school of pharmacy located outside of the United States
15 must do the following:

16 (1) obtain a Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination
17 Committee (FPGEC) Certificate;

18 (2) complete 1,200 hours of clinical training and
19 experience, as defined by rule, in the United States or
20 its territories; and

21 (3) successfully complete the licensing requirements
22 set forth in Section 6 of this Act, as well as those
23 adopted by the Department by rule.

24 The Department may employ consultants for the purpose of
25 preparing and conducting examinations.

26 (Source: P.A. 100-497, eff. 9-8-17.)