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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois currently requires candidates for pharmacist licensure to pass the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) in addition to the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX); and

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WHEREAS, Pass rate data for the Illinois MPJE has prompted renewed interest in evaluating its effectiveness as a tool for assessing licensure readiness and ensuring alignment with best practices in competency assessment; and

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WHEREAS, Variations in candidate performance between Illinois and other jurisdictions suggest an opportunity to examine the content, structure, and item development process of the Illinois MPJE to ensure it accurately reflects current law and supports workforce readiness; and

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WHEREAS, There is substantial concern from academic and professional stakeholders that the Illinois MPJE question bank may be outdated and does not adhere to best practices in contemporary exam development; and

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WHEREAS, Multiple national pharmacy organizations, including the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP) and the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), have

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1 called for reform or the elimination of the stand-alone
2 jurisprudence examination, citing redundancy, inconsistency,
3 and a lack of correlation with public safety outcomes; and

4 WHEREAS, Other states and territories, including Alaska,
5 Idaho, Michigan, Puerto Rico, Vermont, and the Virgin Islands,
6 have eliminated the MPJE requirement, and evidence from Idaho
7 shows no adverse impact on patient safety or regulatory
8 enforcement following its elimination; and

9 WHEREAS, The requirement of a state-specific pharmacy law
10 examination creates unnecessary barriers to licensure,
11 contributing to workforce shortages and disincentivizing new
12 graduates and out-of-state pharmacists from practicing in
13 Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
15 (ACPE) already mandates comprehensive education in pharmacy
16 law as part of every Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum, and all
17 licensure candidates must complete supervised clinical
18 training under licensed pharmacists; and

19 WHEREAS, Eliminating the MPJE as a barrier to licensure
20 will promote greater workforce mobility, reduce costs for new
21 graduates, and better position Illinois to attract and retain
22 qualified pharmacists at a time of increasing pharmacy

1 closures and service gaps; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we urge the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional
5 Regulation (IDFPR), in consultation with the Illinois Board of
6 Pharmacy, to eliminate the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence
7 Examination (MPJE) as a requirement for pharmacist licensure
8 in the State of Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we encourage the IDFPR and the Illinois
10 Board of Pharmacy to consider alternative approaches to
11 ensuring pharmacists' understanding of state-specific laws and
12 rules, including continuing education, attestation statements,
13 or integration of jurisprudence content within the North
14 American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX); and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 delivered to the Secretary of IDFPR, the Chair of the Illinois
18 Board of Pharmacy, and the deans of all accredited schools and
19 colleges of pharmacy in the State of Illinois.