

1 AN ACT concerning pharmacists.

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 of 1987 is amended
5 by changing Section 6 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 85/6) (from Ch. 111, par. 4126)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

8 Sec. 6. Each individual seeking licensure as a
9 registered pharmacist shall make application to the
10 Department and shall provide evidence of the following:

11 1. that he is a United States citizen or legally
12 admitted alien;

13 2. that he has not engaged in conduct or behavior
14 determined to be grounds for discipline under this Act;

15 3. that he is a graduate of a first professional degree
16 program in pharmacy of a university recognized and approved
17 by the Department;

18 4. that he has successfully completed a program of
19 practice experience under the direct supervision of a
20 registered pharmacist in a pharmacy in this State, or in any
21 other State; and

22 5. that he has passed an examination recommended by the
23 Board of Pharmacy and authorized by the Department.

24 The program of practice experience referred to in
25 paragraph (4) of this Section shall be fulfilled by the
26 successful completion of a practice course offered by a
27 school or college of pharmacy or department of pharmacy
28 recognized and approved by the Department, which shall be a
29 minimum of one academic quarter in length.

30 Any person applying for a license as a registered
31 pharmacist in this State who has graduated from a first

1 professional degree program in pharmacy of at least 5
2 academic years from a school or college of pharmacy, which at
3 the time of such graduation was not recognized and approved
4 as reputable and in good standing by the Department, shall be
5 required, in order to qualify for admittance to take the
6 Department's examination for licensure as a registered
7 pharmacist, to pass a preliminary diagnostic examination
8 recommended by the Board and authorized by the Department,
9 covering proficiency in the English language and such
10 academic areas as the Board may deem essential to a
11 satisfactory pharmacy curriculum and by rule prescribe. Any
12 applicant who submits to and fails to pass the preliminary
13 diagnostic examination may be required to satisfy the Board
14 that he has taken additional remedial work previously
15 approved by the Board to correct deficiencies in his
16 pharmaceutical education indicated by the results of the last
17 preliminary diagnostic examination prior to taking the
18 preliminary diagnostic examination again.

19 Any applicant who has graduated from a first professional
20 degree program in pharmacy of at least 5 academic years from
21 a school or college of pharmacy, which at the time of such
22 graduation was not recognized and approved as reputable and
23 in good standing by the Department, shall complete a clinical
24 program previously approved by the Board on the basis of its
25 equivalence to programs that are components of first
26 professional degree programs in pharmacy approved by the
27 Department.

28 Any person required by Section 6 to submit to a
29 preliminary diagnostic examination in advance of admittance
30 to an examination for registration as a registered pharmacist
31 under this Act shall be permitted to take such preliminary
32 diagnostic examination, provided that he is not less than 21
33 years of age and furnishes the Department with satisfactory
34 evidence that he has: successfully completed a program of

1 preprofessional education (postsecondary school) consisting
2 of course work equivalent to that generally required for
3 admission to U.S. colleges of pharmacy recognized and
4 approved as reputable and in good standing by the Department;
5 and has received a degree in pharmacy as required in this
6 Section.

7 The Department shall issue a license as a registered
8 pharmacist to any applicant who has qualified as aforesaid
9 and who has filed the required applications and paid the
10 required fees in connection therewith; and such registrant
11 shall have the authority to practice the profession of
12 pharmacy in this State.

13 The Department must issue a 120-day temporary license as
14 a registered pharmacist to an applicant who has (i) an active
15 license in another state, (ii) met the all the requirements
16 of this Section except for paragraph (5), and (iii) paid the
17 required fees. The Department must issue the temporary
18 license within 10 business days after the application is
19 filed. An applicant may receive only one temporary license.
20 The Department may not renew a temporary license.

21 (Source: P.A. 85-796.)