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1 AN ACT Relating to pharmacy interns; and reenacting and amending
2 RCW 18.64.080.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.64.080 and 1989 1st ex.s. c 9 ss 403 and 420 and
5 1989 c 352 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The department may license as a pharmacist any person who has
7 filed an application therefor, subscribed by the person under oath or
8 affirmation, containing such information as the board may by regulation
9 require, and who((—)):

10 (a) Is at least eighteen years of age;

11 (b) Has satisfied the board that he or she is of good moral and
12 professional character, that he or she will carry out the duties and
13 responsibilities required of a pharmacist, and that he or she is not
14 unfit or unable to practice pharmacy by reason of the extent or manner
15 of his or her proven use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or controlled
16 substances, or by reason of a proven physical or mental disability;

17 (c) Holds a baccalaureate degree in pharmacy or a doctor of
18 pharmacy degree granted by a school or college of pharmacy which is
19 accredited by the board of pharmacy;

1 (d) Has completed or has otherwise met the internship requirements
2 as set forth in board rules;

3 (e) Has satisfactorily passed the necessary examinations approved
4 by the board and administered by the department.

5 (2) The department shall, at least once in every calendar year,
6 offer an examination to all applicants for a pharmacist license who
7 have completed their educational and internship requirements pursuant
8 to rules promulgated by the board. The examination shall be determined
9 by the board. In case of failure at a first examination, the applicant
10 shall have within three years the privilege of a second and third
11 examination. In case of failure in a third examination, the applicant
12 shall not be eligible for further examination until he or she has
13 satisfactorily completed additional preparation as directed and
14 approved by the board. The applicant must pay the examination fee
15 determined by the secretary for each examination taken. Upon passing
16 the required examinations and complying with all the rules and
17 regulations of the board and the provisions of this chapter, the
18 department shall grant the applicant a license as a pharmacist and
19 issue to him or her a certificate qualifying him or her to enter into
20 the practice of pharmacy.

21 (3)(a) Any person enrolled as a student of pharmacy in an
22 accredited college may file with the department an application for
23 registration as a pharmacy intern in which application he or she shall
24 be required to furnish such information as the board may, by
25 regulation, prescribe and, simultaneously with the filing of said
26 application, shall pay to the department a fee to be determined by the
27 secretary. All certificates issued to pharmacy interns shall be valid
28 for a period to be determined by the board, but in no instance shall
29 the certificate be valid if the individual is no longer making timely
30 progress toward graduation, provided however, the board may issue an
31 intern certificate to a person to complete an internship to be eligible
32 for initial licensure or for the reinstatement of a previously licensed
33 pharmacist.

34 (b) Any person enrolled as a student of pharmacy in an education
35 program approved by the board may serve as a pharmacy intern without
36 registering with the department as long as he or she is supervised by
37 a preceptor and does not practice for more than sixty consecutive days.

1 (4) To assure adequate practical instruction, pharmacy internship
2 experience as required under this chapter shall be obtained after
3 registration as a pharmacy intern by practice in any licensed pharmacy
4 or other program meeting the requirements promulgated by regulation of
5 the board, and shall include such instruction in the practice of
6 pharmacy as the board by regulation shall prescribe.

7 (5) The department may, without examination other than one in the
8 laws relating to the practice of pharmacy, license as a pharmacist any
9 person who, at the time of filing application therefor, is currently
10 licensed as a pharmacist in any other state, territory, or possession
11 of the United States. The person shall produce evidence satisfactory
12 to the department of having had the required secondary and professional
13 education and training and who was licensed as a pharmacist by
14 examination in another state prior to June 13, 1963, shall be required
15 to satisfy only the requirements which existed in this state at the
16 time he or she became licensed in such other state, and that the state
17 in which the person is licensed shall under similar conditions grant
18 reciprocal licenses as pharmacist without examination to pharmacists
19 duly licensed by examination in this state. Every application under
20 this subsection shall be accompanied by a fee determined by the
21 department.

22 (6) The department shall provide for, regulate, and require all
23 persons licensed as pharmacists to renew their license periodically,
24 and shall prescribe the form of such license and information required
25 to be submitted by all applicants.

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