

LEGISLATIVE BILL 680

Approved by the Governor April 06, 2016

Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to pharmacy technicians; to amend section 38-2890, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to change requirements for pharmacy technicians; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 38-2890, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is amended to read:

38-2890 (1) All pharmacy technicians employed by a health care facility licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act shall be registered with the Pharmacy Technician Registry created in section 38-2893. In order to be employed as a pharmacy technician in such a health care facility, a pharmacy technician (a) shall be certified by a state or national certifying body which is approved by the board (i) by January 1, 2017, if he or she was registered with the Pharmacy Technician Registry on January 1, 2016, or (ii) within one year after being registered with the Pharmacy Technician Registry, if he or she was so registered after January 1, 2016, and (b) upon being so certified, shall maintain current certification during the time he or she is so registered.

(2) To register as a pharmacy technician, an individual shall (a) be at least eighteen years of age, (b) be a high school graduate or be officially recognized by the State Department of Education as possessing the equivalent degree of education, (c) have never been convicted of any nonalcohol, drug-related misdemeanor or felony, (d) file an application with the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services department, and (e) pay the applicable fee.

~~(3) Beginning January 1, 2017, a pharmacy technician shall be certified by a state or national certifying body approved by the board in order to be employed as a pharmacy technician in a health care facility.~~

Sec. 2. Original section 38-2890, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.