

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1353

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning continuing education for pharmacy technicians.

Sponsors: Representatives Rivers, Cody, Schmick, Moeller, Orcutt, Ladenburg, Dahlquist, Harris, Moscoso, Green and Kenney.

House Committee on Health Care & Wellness
Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

Background:

Certified pharmacy technicians provide assistance to licensed pharmacists by performing manipulative, non-discretionary functions associated with the practice of pharmacy. In addition, pharmacy technicians who meet criteria for employment, experience, training, and proficiency may perform specialized functions such as unit-dose medication checking and parenteral preparations. Pharmacy technicians may only practice while under the immediate supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

In order to be certified, a pharmacy technician must:

- be a high school graduate or successfully complete general education development tests;
- complete a formal pharmacy technician training program approved by the Board of Pharmacy or an on-the-job pharmacy technician training program approved by the Board of Pharmacy; and
- pass a national standardized pharmacy technician certification examination.

Pharmacy technicians are not subject to continuing education requirements.

Summary:

Certified pharmacy technicians must complete continuing education requirements established by the Board of Pharmacy.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	98	0
Senate	48	0

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