
Health Care & Wellness Committee

HB 1412

Brief Description: Concerning nonresident pharmacies.

Sponsors: Representatives Thai, DeBolt, Slatter, Cody, Jinkins and Riccelli; by request of Department of Health.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires nonresident pharmacies to submit to the Department of Health copies of recent inspection reports conducted by inspection programs approved by the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Committee in order to receive or renew licensure.

Hearing Date: 2/1/19

Staff: Jenny Aronson (786-7290) and Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

A nonresident pharmacy is a pharmacy located outside of Washington that ships, mails, or delivers, in any manner, except when delivered in person to an individual, controlled substances, legend drugs, or devices into the state.

Nonresident pharmacies must be licensed by the Department of Health (Department) and are required to disclose to the Department:

- an annual report containing the location, names, and titles of all owners and pharmacists employed by the pharmacy who dispense controlled substances or devices to residents;
- proof of compliance with applicable requirements from the regulatory or licensing agency of the state or Canadian province in which the pharmacy is licensed;
- proof of submission to the Department of a copy of the most recent inspection report from the state or Canadian province with which it is licensed; and
- proof that it maintains its records of controlled substances, legend drugs, or devices dispensed to patients in this state so that the records are readily retrievable from the records of other drugs dispensed.

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As a prerequisite to be licensed by the Department, the nonresident pharmacy must submit a copy of the most recent inspection report issued by the regulatory licensing agency of the state or Canadian province in which it is located. Nonresident pharmacies must renew their licenses annually.

Summary of Bill:

A nonresident pharmacy must submit to the Department of Health a copy of the most recent inspection report conducted by an inspection program approved by the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) as having substantially equivalent standards to those of the Commission. The nonresident pharmacy must submit a copy of the report both as a prerequisite to be licensed by the Department, and annually upon renewal of that license. The report must have been issued within two years of application or renewal of a license.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.