
Health Care & Wellness Committee

HB 1909

Brief Description: Adjusting the membership of the pharmacy quality assurance commission.

Sponsors: Representatives Low, Ramel, Schmidt, Timmons and Schmick.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permits one public member of the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission to be an owner, officer, or operator of a pharmacy.
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Hearing Date: 1/9/24

Staff: Carter Gale (786-7290) and Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) regulates the practice of pharmacy, including qualifications for the licensure of pharmacists and pharmacy interns. It suggests strategies concerning drug misuse, diversion, and abuse. It promulgates rules concerning drugs and devices.

The Commission consists of 15 members. All members are residents of Washington and are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each member serves a four-year term and may only serve two terms at most. Ten members are pharmacists, one is a pharmacy technician, and four are public members. Pharmacist members shall have been a registered pharmacist in Washington for the five years prior to their appointment. Public members may not be "affiliated with any aspect of pharmacy."

Summary of Bill:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

One public member of the Commission may be an owner, officer, or operator of a pharmacy. However, that member may not be licensed as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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