



BILL & AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Board of Pharmacy Telepharmacy SF 453

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Summary

Senate File 453 makes various changes to programs under the control of the Board of Pharmacy (Board) relating to telepharmacy, non-resident pharmacies, an outsourcing facility licensure, and inspection reports.

Telepharmacy

The bill allows for telepharmacy where a pharmacist can remotely supervise a certified pharmacy technician. The telepharmacy site must be approved by the Board. The bill defines **telepharmacy** as the practice of pharmacy via telecommunications.

Non-Resident Pharmacy Licenses

Iowa Code is updated regarding non-resident pharmacy licenses. The out-of-state pharmacy must prove that they are licensed in their home state. In addition, new requirements are established so that the out-of-state pharmacy must submit an inspection report requiring a proof of inspection in the home state. Additional changes are made regarding the name of the pharmacist on the license and potential disciplinary action, including fines and sanctions against a license if terms of the license are violated.

Outsourcing Facility Licenses

The bill creates a new code section establishing the parameters for an outsourcing facility license including the processes for renewal, cancellation, denial, and discipline. An outsourcing facility must be registered with the federal government that distributes sterile compounded human drug products without a patient-specific prescription to an authorized agent or practitioner in Iowa.

Inspection Reports - Disclosure

Regardless if an inspection report is based on a routine inspection or by an inspection due to one or more complaints, a report that the Board has possession of may be disclosed to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's Inspection Network.

Amendments

H-8066 by Best (R). The amendment makes some technical changes to reflect that Iowa Code 2016 is being amended, instead of 2015, due the bill being carried over from last year.

In addition, the amendment adds language relating to telepharmacy. The amendment defines managing pharmacy as a licensed pharmacy that oversees the activities of a telepharmacy site; and telepharmacy site as a licensed pharmacy that is operated by a managing pharmacy and staffed by one or more qualified certified pharmacy technicians where pharmaceutical care services, including the storage and dispensing of prescription

drugs, drug regimen review, and patient counseling, are provided by a licensed pharmacist through the use of technology.

The Board of Pharmacy may already issue a special or limited-use license. The amendment adds rulemaking authority to the Board for a special license or limited-use for a telepharmacy site. The rulemaking authority includes the following requirements for a telepharmacy site:

- Establishment and operation of a telepharmacy site, including but not limited to physical requirements and required policies and procedures.
- A managing pharmacy.
- Governing operating agreements between telepharmacy sites and managing pharmacies.
- Training and experience for certified pharmacy technicians working at a telepharmacy site.
- A pharmacist providing services to and supervising a telepharmacy site.
- Any other health and safety concerns associated with a telepharmacy site.

If all these conditions are met, the Board may issue a special or limited-use license to a tele-pharmacy site.