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Senate Bill 468 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Michael Green
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SUMMARY:

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to do the following concerning pharmacy technician licensure and practice:

- Make an exception to the requirement that a license applicant have graduated from high school or passed a GED test, if the person were a student in a pharmacy training program or were applying for a temporary license or a limited license.
- Increase from 210 days to one year the duration of a temporary license (issued to a person who is preparing for an examination required for licensure).
- Allow a person employed as a pharmacy technician for an employer with multiple pharmacy locations to work as a limited license pharmacy technician at any of those locations in the state.

[A limited license may be issued to an individual who was working as a pharmacy technician on December 22, 2014, (the date the licensure requirement took effect). An individual who holds a limited license may act as a pharmacy technician only for the pharmacy that he or she worked for on that date.]

In addition, the bill would delay for one year (from September 30, 2015, to September 30, 2016) the deadline for a licensed pharmacy that provides compounding services for sterile pharmaceuticals to be accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the Michigan Board of Pharmacy, be verified by the Board as being in the accreditation process, or be in compliance with USP (U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention) standards in a manner determined by the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 468, as passed by the Senate, would likely have a neutral or nominal fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) dependent on: (1) how many individuals who did not earn a high school diploma or pass the GED apply for licensure and (2) how many individuals employed as pharmacy technicians as of October 1, 2015, and applying for a limited license perform their duties at multiple pharmacy locations owned by a single employer. The number of such applicants is currently unknown

as the licensure requirements do not become effective until October 1, 2015, but is more than likely not substantial.

According to LARA, approximately 16,213 total applications for pharmacy technician licensure were submitted as of September 9, 2015, with 300 to 400 more anticipated before the end of the fiscal year.

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