

# SENATE BILL No. 468

September 9, 2015, Introduced by Senator GREEN and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 17739a, 17739b, and 17739c (MCL 333.17739a,  
333.17739b, and 333.17739c), as added by 2014 PA 285.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 17739a. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the department may  
2 license an individual who meets all of the following requirements  
3 as a pharmacy technician under this part:

4           (a) Submits a completed application to the department on a  
5 form prescribed by the department.

6           (b) ~~Graduated~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4),**  
7 **GRADUATED** from an accredited high school or comparable school or  
8 educational institution or passed the general educational  
9 development test or other graduate equivalency examination.

1 (c) Satisfies the requirements of section 16174.

2 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), passes and  
3 submits proof to the department of passage of any of the following:

4 (i) The certified pharmacy technician examination given by the  
5 ~~pharmacy technician certification board.~~**PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**  
6 **CERTIFICATION BOARD.**

7 (ii) The certified pharmacy technician examination given by  
8 the ~~national healthcareer association.~~**NATIONAL HEALTHCAREER**  
9 **ASSOCIATION.**

10 (iii) Any other nationally recognized and administered  
11 certification examination approved by the board.

12 (iv) An employer-based training program examination that is  
13 approved by the board and covers job descriptions, pharmacy  
14 security, commonly used medical abbreviations, routes of  
15 administration, product selection, final check by pharmacists,  
16 guidelines for the use of pharmacy technicians, pharmacy  
17 terminology, basic drug information, basic calculations, quality  
18 control procedures, state and federal laws and regulations  
19 regarding pharmacy technician duties, pharmacist duties, pharmacy  
20 intern duties, prescription or drug order processing procedures,  
21 drug record-keeping requirements, patient confidentiality, and  
22 pharmacy security and drug storage.

23 (2) An individual who is not a pharmacist, pharmacist intern,  
24 or pharmacy technician shall not perform any of the functions  
25 described in section 17739(1) for a pharmacy.

26 (3) A pharmacist shall not allow any individual employed or  
27 otherwise under the personal charge of the pharmacist to violate

1 subsection (2). A person that owns, manages, operates, or conducts  
2 a pharmacy shall not allow any individual employed or otherwise  
3 under the control of that person to violate subsection (2).

4 (4) An individual who meets any of the following is not  
5 required to meet the ~~examination requirement described in~~  
6 ~~subsection (1)(d)~~ **REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1)(B) AND (D)** to be  
7 eligible for a license under subsection (1):

8 (a) As provided in section 16171(a), is a student in a  
9 pharmacy technician program approved by the board.

10 (b) Is applying for a temporary license under section 17739b.

11 (c) Is applying for a limited license under section 17739c.

12 Sec. 17739b. (1) Subject to section 17739a(4), the department  
13 may issue a temporary license as a pharmacy technician to an  
14 individual who is preparing for the examination under section  
15 17739a(1)(d). Notwithstanding section 16181, the term of a  
16 temporary license issued under this section expires ~~210 days~~ **1 YEAR**  
17 after the date the temporary license is issued.

18 (2) An individual requesting a temporary license under this  
19 section shall submit a completed application, on a form prescribed  
20 by the department, to the department and pay the applicable fee  
21 under section 16333.

22 (3) An individual who holds a temporary license as a pharmacy  
23 technician issued under subsection (1) is subject to all of the  
24 requirements of this part, and rules promulgated by the department  
25 in consultation with the board, applicable to pharmacy technicians  
26 except the examination requirement under section 17739a(1)(d).

27 Sec. 17739c. (1) In addition to the requirement of section

1 16182 and subject to section 17739a(4), the department may issue a  
2 limited license as a pharmacy technician to an individual if all of  
3 the following are met:

4 (a) The individual was employed as a pharmacy technician by a  
5 pharmacy on ~~the effective date of the amendatory act that added~~  
6 ~~this section~~ **DECEMBER 22, 2014** and has been continuously employed  
7 by that pharmacy since that date.

8 (b) The individual submits a completed application to the  
9 department on a form prescribed by the department and meets the  
10 requirements of section 16174.

11 (c) The individual provides documentation of satisfactory  
12 employment as a pharmacy technician for a minimum of 1,000 hours  
13 during the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of his or  
14 her application under subdivision (b).

15 (d) The applicable fee under section 16333 is paid.

16 (2) ~~An~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5), AN**  
17 individual who holds a limited license under this section may only  
18 act as a pharmacy technician for the pharmacy described in  
19 subsection (1)(a) and only until 1 of the following occurs:

20 (a) He or she is no longer employed by that pharmacy to  
21 perform those functions.

22 (b) He or she performs any of those functions for another  
23 pharmacy.

24 (3) The term of a limited pharmacy technician license issued  
25 by the department under this section is the same as a pharmacy  
26 technician license issued by the department under section 17739a.

27 (4) An individual who holds a limited pharmacy technician

1 license issued under this section is subject to all of the  
2 requirements of this part, and the rules promulgated by the  
3 department in consultation with the board, except the examination  
4 requirement under section 17739a(1)(d).

5       (5) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EMPLOYED AS A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN BY  
6 AN EMPLOYER THAT OPERATES MULTIPLE LICENSED PHARMACY LOCATIONS MAY  
7 WORK AS A LIMITED LICENSE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN AT ANY OF THE  
8 EMPLOYER'S LICENSED PHARMACY LOCATIONS IN THIS STATE.