

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF  
THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**LCB File No. R088-13**

Effective March 28, 2014

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 639.070 and 639.120.

A REGULATION relating to pharmacists; providing that an applicant must complete a certain amount of hours of experience as an intern pharmacist to become a registered pharmacist; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** Chapter 639 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*For the purposes of paragraph (d) of subsection 1 of NRS 639.120, an applicant for a certificate as a registered pharmacist in this State must complete 1,740 hours of practical pharmaceutical experience as an intern pharmacist under the direct and immediate supervision of a registered pharmacist.*

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NAC 639.262

Application for registration; issuance of certificate of registration; maintenance of records relating to internship.

February 14, 2014

### INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

The informational statement required by NRS 233B.066 numerically conforms to the subsections of the statute as follows:

1. EXPLANATION OF THE NEED FOR THE ADOPTED REGULATION

The proposed amendment will increase the state requirement of 1500 hours for intern pharmacists to 1740 to match the national standard.

2. A DESCRIPTION OF HOW PUBLIC COMMENT WAS SOLICITED, A SUMMARY OF PUBLIC RESPONSE, AND AN EXPLANATION HOW OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUMMARY.

The Board solicited comment on the proposed amendment by (1) posting a summary of the proposed amendment on the Board's website ([bop.nv.gov](http://bop.nv.gov)) with a link to the full text of the proposed amendment, (2) soliciting comment from Nevada dispensers who receive Board of Pharmacy notifications using a facsimile notice directed to each, and (3) contacting a representative of each relevant industry association Board Staff deemed likely to have an interest in the proposed amendment. The Board also provided time for public comment at the workshop(s) concerning the proposed amendment, and opened the floor for public comment at the public hearing on the proposed amendment.

The Board received no public comment on R088-13.

Parties interested in obtaining a copy of the summary of the proposed amendment, or that wish to view the text of the proposed amendment, may access that information on the Board's website at [bop.nv.gov](http://bop.nv.gov), or by contacting the Board's office at (775) 850-1440.

3. THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO: (A) ATTENDED EACH HEARING; (B) TESTIFIED AT EACH HEARING; AND (C) SUBMITTED TO THE AGENCY WRITTEN STATEMENTS.

The number of persons who attended the hearing was 20.

The number of persons who testified at the hearing was -0-.

The number of agency submitted statements was -0-.

The name of persons who testified at the hearing:

There was no public comment expressed relative to this proposed regulation.

4. A DESCRIPTION OF HOW COMMENT WAS SOLICITED FROM AFFECTED BUSINESSES, A SUMMARY OF THEIR RESPONSE, AND AN EXPLANATION HOW OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUMMARY.

Comments were solicited from affected businesses through posting of public notices in the county courthouses, by direct mailings to all interested persons who have requested notices of board of pharmacy meeting agendas, by direct mailings to professional and trade associations, posting a summary of the proposed amendment on the Board's website ([bop.nv.gov](http://bop.nv.gov)), with a link to the full text of the proposed amendment, and soliciting comment from Nevada pharmacies who receive Board of Pharmacy "Hotline" notifications using a facsimile notice directed to each.

There was no response from affected businesses relative to this proposed regulation.

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5. IF THE REGULATION WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT CHANGING ANY PART OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION, A SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR ADOPTING THE REGULATION WITHOUT CHANGE.

The proposed regulation was adopted without change because the Board members found it appropriate to require intern pharmacists to receive training that is consistent with the national average of 1740 hours, rather than the minimum of 1500 required by NRS 639.120, and because the Board received no comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed regulation.

6. THE ESTIMATED ECONOMIC EFFECT OF THE REGULATION ON THE BUSINESS WHICH IT IS TO REGULATE AND ON THE PUBLIC. THESE MUST BE STATED SEPARATELY, AND IN EACH CASE MUST INCLUDE:

A) BOTH ADVERSE AND BENEFICIAL EFFECTS.

The Board anticipates no adverse or beneficial economic effect on small businesses from R088-13. Intern pharmacists, however, will benefit from receiving training that is consistent with that of their peers in other states.

B) BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS.

This regulation will have no immediate or long-term economic effects on business or the public.

7. THE ESTIMATED COST TO THE AGENCY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION.

There will be no additional or special costs incurred by the board for enforcement of this regulation.

8. A DESCRIPTION OF ANY REGULATIONS OF OTHER STATE OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH THE PROPOSED REGULATION OVERLAPS OR DUPLICATES AND A STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE DUPLICATION OR OVERLAPPING IS NECESSARY. IF THE REGULATION OVERLAPS OR DUPLICATES A FEDERAL REGULATION, THE NAME OF THE REGULATING FEDERAL AGENCY.

The Board of Pharmacy is not aware of any similar regulations of other state or government agencies that the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates.

9. IF THE REGULATION INCLUDES PROVISIONS WHICH ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN A FEDERAL REGULATION WHICH REGULATES THE SAME ACTIVITY, A SUMMARY OF SUCH PROVISIONS.

The Board is not aware of any similar regulations of the same activity in which the federal regulation is more stringent.

10. IF THE REGULATION PROVIDES A NEW FEE OR INCREASES AN EXISTING FEE, THE TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT THE AGENCY EXPECTS TO COLLECT AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE MONEY WILL BE USED.

This regulation does not provide a new or increase of fees.