

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

NAC 639.208 was amended in 2014 when all states were considering increasing the required pharmacist intern hours from 1,500 to 1,740 as the national standard. Most states did not adopt the 1,740-hour requirement. The current 1,740-hour requirement poses a problem for pharmacists applying for a Nevada pharmacist registration by reciprocity. Most pharmacists have 1,500 hours of practical experience as required by their original state of licensure, which is 240 hours short of what is required by NAC 639.208. The proposed amendment removes the requirement that an applicant complete 1,740 hours of practical pharmaceutical experience, thereby requiring an applicant to complete not less than 1,500 hours of practical pharmaceutical experience consistent with NRS 639.120. The amendment removes the 240-hour barrier for a pharmacist seeking registration by reciprocity in Nevada.

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 notice, with links to the full text of the proposed amendment, to the LCB Administrative Regulation Notices webpage, (2) posting a copy of the full text of the proposed changes to the Board's website as part of the Board Hearing materials, (3) posting notice to the Nevada Public Notice website, operated by the Department of Administration, with a link back to a full text of the proposed amendment on the Board's website, and (4) posting notices and agendas in numerous public locations per NRS Chapter 233B.

The Board also solicited comment from Nevada dispensing practitioners, and from representatives of relevant industry associations that Board Staff deemed likely to have an interest in the proposed amendment. The Board further provided time for public comment at the workshop(s) concerning the proposed amendment.

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Ms. MacMenamin spoke in support of the proposed amendments. She thanked the Board for moving forward with the proposed amendments so quickly and addressing the need for more pharmacists.

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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: -49-

The number of persons who testified at the hearing was: -1-

The number of agency submitted statements was: -0-

The name of persons who testified at the hearing:

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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.

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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 Board received no comments from industry or the public requesting any changes.

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.

There should be no adverse economic impact from this regulation amendment on the regulated entities or on the public. Pharmacists will benefit from removing the additional 240-hour requirement for a pharmacist seeking registration by reciprocity in Nevada, and the public will benefit from increased access to pharmaceutical care.

B) BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS.

The Board anticipates that both the immediate and long-term effect on the public will be increased access to pharmaceutical care.

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 of Pharmacy for enforcement of this regulation amendment.

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 regulation does not contain provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity.

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 amendment does not provide a new or increase of fees.