

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF
THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY**

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

AUTHORITY: §§1-3, NRS 639.070.

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

Food for consumption by the public must not be:

- 1. Prepared in the prescription department of a pharmacy; or*
- 2. Stored in the refrigerator of the prescription department of a pharmacy.*

A pharmacist or a member of the staff of a pharmacy may prepare food in the prescription department of the pharmacy or store food in the refrigerator of the prescription of the pharmacy if the food is for his own personal consumption.

Sec. 2. NAC 639.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

639.525 [Except as otherwise provided in NAC 639.471, the] *The* prescription department in each licensed pharmacy must contain the following minimum work area and equipment for the compounding and dispensing of drugs:

1. A prescription counter on which to work, with a free working surface of not less than 18 inches in width and not less than 12 square feet in area, with a length of working surface of

not less than 8 feet. This working surface must be reserved for and restricted solely to the compounding and dispensing of drugs.

2. A free floor space behind the prescription counter that is not less than 8 feet in length and 3 feet in width.

3. A refrigerator [,] *that is equipped with a thermometer to ensure proper control of temperature*, a sink that is suitable for cleaning the required pharmaceutical equipment and is supplied with hot and cold running water, soap and detergent, and a clean and sanitary disposal container for wastes.

4. If the pharmacy compounds prescriptions that require the measurement of weight, scales and balances for medium and light weighing, at least one of which must be sensitive to 1/2 grain, with weights, including , *without limitation*, apothecary and avoirdupois, from 1/2 grain to 4 ounces and from 0.02 gm to 100 gm.

5. *If the pharmacy prepares sterile products, a laminar air flow hood that is certified at least annually.*

6. Capsule and tablet counters and other devices and equipment necessary to compound and dispense drugs.

[6.] 7. A facsimile machine that:

- (a) Uses paper of such quality; and
- (b) Prints in such a manner,

that documents printed by the machine are usable and readable for a least 2 years.

Sec. 3. NAC 639.471 is hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

639.471 Equipment required. A pharmacy must have the following equipment:

1. A typewriter or other comparable equipment.
2. A refrigerator.
3. If the pharmacy compounds medications that require the measurement of weight, scales and balances for medium and light weighing, at least one of which must be sensitive to 1/2 grain, with weights, including apothecary and avoirdupois, from 1/2 grain to 4 ounces and from 0.02 gm to 100 gm.
4. If the pharmacy prepares sterile products, a laminar air flow hood that is certified at least annually.