## TITLE 20—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE

Division 2220—State Board of Pharmacy Chapter 7—Licensing

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT

**20 CSR 2220-7.025 Intern Pharmacist Licensure**. The board is amending sections (2), (4) and (6) of the rule.

PURPOSE: The rule is being amended to clarify intern pharmacist application requirements for new graduates, enhance readability, and reference the current name of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's foreign pharmacy graduate examination committee.

- (2) Requirements for Licensure. Every person who desires to gain pharmacy practice experience in Missouri shall first apply for an intern pharmacist license. Application for licensure shall be made on forms provided by the board and shall be accompanied by the application fee. To be eligible for licensure, the applicant shall submit proof of fingerprinting as required by 20 CSR 2220-7.090 and must be—
  - (A) Currently enrolled in *[or graduated from]* a school or college of pharmacy that **is located in a U.S. state or territory and** is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE); or
  - (C) A graduate of a foreign school/college of pharmacy as defined by 20 CSR 2220-7.040 with a completed pharmacist application on file with the board who has obtained [Foreign Graduate Equivalency Certification] Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC) certification from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and is actively seeking to earn pharmacy practice experience to qualify for Missouri licensure [.];
  - (D) Graduates of an ACPE accredited pharmacy school/college with a completed and active pharmacist application on file with the board, provided the applicant holds a current and active pharmacist license from another U.S. state or territory; or
  - (E) A graduate of an ACPE pharmacy school/college who is enrolled in a residency training program to be completed in Missouri that is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, or with a valid application for accreditation pending with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, or that is a residency program operated by or in conjunction with an ACPE-accredited school or college of pharmacy.
- (4) Calculation of Hours. An intern pharmacist shall only be given credit for hours earned in activities related to the practice of pharmacy as determined by the board or connected with pharmaceutical or patient-centered care through the interpretation and evaluation of prescription orders; the compounding, dispensing, and labeling of drugs and devices pursuant to prescription orders; the proper and safe storage of drugs and devices and the maintenance of proper records of them; or consultation with patients and other health care practitioners

about the safe and effective use of drugs and devices.

- (B) Certification of Hours. An intern pharmacist shall file a Preceptor's Affidavit of Internship Hours at the completion of his/her pharmacy practice experience on a form provided by the board. The report shall identify the pharmacy practice experience hours earned at each approved training site and shall be signed by the supervising preceptor. No credit shall be granted for hours not reported to the board. In lieu of the preceptor affidavit, an approved school/college of pharmacy shall certify to the board the pharmacy practice experience earned by each student as part of the required curriculum. [Certification shall be submitted by the approved school/college of pharmacy upon the student's graduation or within thirty (30) days after the student is no longer enrolled in the pharmacy school/college.]
- (6) Intern pharmacists shall file an application to renew their intern pharmacist license between October 1 and December 31 of each even-numbered year. Applications shall be made on a form provided by the board and accompanied by the renewal fee. An intern pharmacist license shall not be renewed more than two (2) years after the intern pharmacist's graduation from an ACPE accredited school/college of pharmacy. For graduates of a foreign school/college of pharmacy who have obtained [Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Certification] FPGEC certification from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, an intern pharmacist license shall not be renewed more than once. The board may approve additional renewals in the event of extraordinary circumstances due to no fault of the intern. An intern pharmacist license shall automatically terminate once the intern is issued a Missouri pharmacist license.

AUTHORITY: sections 338.060 and 338.070, RSMo 2016, and sections 338.035 and 338.140, RSMo Supp. [2020] 2024.\* Original rule filed Jan. 10, 2013, effective Aug. 30, 2013. Amended: Filed Dec. 27, 2019, effective July 30, 2020. \*\* Amended: Filed Dec. 28, 2020, effective June 30, 2021. Amended: Filed Aug. 27, 2025.

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five-hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Board of Pharmacy, PO Box 625, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by facsimile at (573) 526-3464, or via email at pharmacy@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this rule in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.