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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2165

Introduced by Assembly Member Strom-Martin

February 20, 2002

An act to amend Section 4200 of, and to add Section 4200.2 to, the Business and Professions Code, relating to pharmacy, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2165, as amended, Strom-Martin. Pharmacy: licensure.

Existing law, the Pharmacy Law, provides for licensing and regulation of pharmacies, pharmacists, and other associated persons and entities by the California State Board of Pharmacy. Existing law requires the board to license a pharmacist who meets certain requirements, including passing a written examination given by the board. License fees are paid into the Pharmacy Board Contingent Fund which is continuously appropriated for the expenses of the board.

This bill would change the requirements for issuance of a pharmacy license by the board, including that an applicant pass the board's written examination before December 31, 2002, or pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination and the Multi-State Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination for California on or after January 1, 2003. The bill would also require the board to license a pharmacist who is licensed in another state if the pharmacist meets specified qualifications.

Because additional fee revenue would be deposited into the Pharmacy Board Contingent Fund which is continuously appropriated, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4200 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 4200. (a) The board shall license as a pharmacist, and issue
- 4 a certificate to, any applicant who meets all the following
- 5 requirements:
- 6 (1) Is at least 18 years of age.
- 7 (2) (A) Has graduated from a college of pharmacy or
- 8 department of pharmacy of a university recognized by the board;
- 9 or
- 10 (B) If the applicant graduated from a foreign pharmacy school,
- 11 the applicant has received a grade satisfactory to the board on an
- 12 examination designed to measure the equivalency of foreign
- 13 pharmacy education with that required of domestic graduates.
- 14 (3) Has completed at least 150 semester units of collegiate
- 15 study in the United States, or the equivalent thereof in a foreign
- 16 country. No less than 90 of those semester units shall have been
- 17 completed while in resident attendance at a school or college of
- 18 pharmacy.
- 19 (4) Has earned at least a baccalaureate degree in a course of
- 20 study devoted to the practice of pharmacy.
- 21 (5) Has had 1,500 hours of pharmaceutical experience in
- 22 accordance with regulations adopted by the board.
- 23 (A) "Pharmaceutical experience," constitutes service and
- 24 experience in a pharmacy under the personal supervision of a
- 25 pharmacist, and consists of service and experience predominantly
- 26 related to the selling of drugs, compounding physician's
- 27 prescriptions, preparing pharmaceutical preparations, and keeping
- 28 records and making reports required under state and federal
- 29 statutes.
- 30 (B) To be credited to the total number of hours required by this
- 31 subdivision, this experience shall have been obtained in



1 pharmacies and under conditions set forth by rule or regulation of
2 the board.

3 (6) Has passed a written and practical examination given by the
4 board prior to December 31, 2002, or has passed the North
5 American Pharmacist Licensure Examination on or after January
6 1, 2003.

7 (7) Has passed the Multi-State Pharmacy Jurisprudence
8 Examination for California on or after January 1, 2003.

9 (b) Proof of the qualifications of any applicant for licensure as
10 a pharmacist, shall be made to the satisfaction of the board and
11 shall be substantiated by affidavits or other evidence as may be
12 required by the board.

13 (c) Each person, upon application for licensure as a pharmacist
14 under this chapter, shall pay to the executive officer of the board,
15 the fees provided by this chapter, which fees shall be compensation
16 to the board for investigation or examination of the applicant.

17 SEC. 2. Section 4200.2 is added to the Business and
18 Professions Code, to read:

19 4200.2. (a) The board shall license as a pharmacist, and issue
20 a certificate to, any applicant who meets all of the following
21 requirements:

22 (1) Is currently licensed as a pharmacist in any state of the
23 United States.

24 (2) Each pharmacist license issued to the applicant is in good
25 standing for at least three *consecutive* years.

26 (3) Has satisfied the continuing education requirement as
27 specified in Section 4231.

28 (4) Has passed the Multi-State Pharmacy Jurisprudence
29 Examination for California on or after ~~June 1, 2002~~ *January 1,*
30 *2003.*

31 (5) Has passed the North American Pharmacist Licensure
32 Examination on or after January 1, 2003.

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34 a pharmacist shall be made to the satisfaction of the board and shall
35 be substantiated by affidavits or other evidence as may be required
36 by the board.

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