

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO.

BY

AN ACT

RELATING TO PHARMACIST LICENSURE, AMENDING SECTION 54-1718, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE ALL APPLICANTS FOR ORIGINAL LICENSURE AND LICENSE REINSTATEMENT TO SUBMIT TO A FINGERPRINT-BASED, CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1718, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended, to read as follows:

54-1718. LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE. (1) The board of pharmacy shall be responsible for the control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy in this state including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) The licensing by examination or by reciprocity of applicants who are qualified to engage in the practice of pharmacy under the provisions of this act;
- (b) The renewal of licenses to engage in the practice of pharmacy;
- (c) The determination and issuance of standards for recognition and approval of schools and colleges of pharmacy whose graduates shall be eligible for licensure in this state, and the specification and enforcement of requirements for practical training, including internship;
- (d) The enforcement of the provisions of this act relating to the conduct or competence of pharmacists practicing in this state, and the suspension, revocation or restriction of licenses to practice pharmacy;
- (e) The regulation of the training, qualifications and employment of pharmacy interns.

(2) The board of pharmacy shall require all applicants for original licensure or registration and for reinstatement of licenses and registrations to submit to a fingerprint-based criminal history check of the Idaho central criminal history database and the federal bureau of investigation criminal history database. Each applicant for original licensure or registration or for reinstatement of licensure or registration shall submit a completed ten (10) finger finger-print card to the board of pharmacy at the time of application and shall pay the cost of the criminal history check.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The proposed legislation is necessary to provide the Board of Pharmacy with valuable information to review as a part of the licensure process, information that is not otherwise available. The proposed legislation will require fingerprint-based criminal background checks for all applicants for licensure and registration and reinstatement of licenses and registrations, and will provide that an applicant for licensure pay the cost of the background check.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

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Statement of Purpose/Fiscal Impact

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