

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to direct the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate regulations related to pharmacy outsourcing and*
3 *pharmacy technician remote database access.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1.** § 1. *The Board of Pharmacy shall promulgate regulations authorizing a pharmacy located in the*
8 *Commonwealth or out-of-state to outsource tasks associated with dispensing a prescription drug,*
9 *including verification for accuracy by a pharmacist and alternate delivery to the pharmacy that received*
10 *the prescription, to a central fill pharmacy permitted in the Commonwealth as a pharmacy or registered*
11 *as a nonresident pharmacy. In accordance with the regulations, a central fill pharmacy may operate*
12 *when sufficient automation is employed to safely support the practice of pharmacy and limit distractions*
13 *for pharmacy personnel, the central fill pharmacy does not accept prescriptions or communications*
14 *directly from patients or providers, and dispensing is restricted to Schedule VI drugs. The regulations*
15 *shall authorize the following: (i) the maximum number of persons performing the duties of a pharmacy*
16 *technician and support personnel a pharmacist may supervise at one time; however, each pharmacist*
17 *shall determine the number of persons he can safely and competently supervise at one time, not to*
18 *exceed the maximum number established by the Board of Pharmacy; (ii) pharmacist verification of a*
19 *drug canister after filling but prior to being placed on a barcoded automated robotic dispenser, in lieu*
20 *of pharmacist verification of each prescription product for accuracy; (iii) a one-time written notification*
21 *or sign of the dispensing and delivery process at the initiating pharmacy receiving the prescription; (iv)*
22 *allowance for an unregistered and unlicensed person to assist in non-dispensing functions such as*
23 *inventory, delivery, receiving, or packing of completed prescription orders when supported by barcode*
24 *scanning or other technology; and (v) delivery of the dispensed drug to the patient's residence or*
25 *originating pharmacy that received the prescription. The transfer of the prescriptions shall not be*
26 *required if the pharmacies share a common electronic file or have technology that allows sufficient*
27 *information necessary for dispensing the prescription.*

28 § 2. *The Board of Pharmacy shall promulgate regulations that allow for pharmacy technicians to*
29 *access the pharmacy's database from a remote location for the purpose of performing certain*
30 *prescription processing functions, as further defined in 18VAC110-20-276 (A) of the Virginia*
31 *Administrative Code.*

32 **2.** **That the Board of Pharmacy shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this**
33 **act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.**

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