

AN ACT relating to pharmacy technicians.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 315.136 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Every applicant for registration as a pharmacy technician shall be sixteen (16) years of age and of good mental health and moral character and shall file with the board an application in such form and containing such data as the board may reasonably require.
- (2) The application fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25). All applicants for registration as a pharmacy technician who serve only on a voluntary basis as a pharmacy technician with a pharmacy operated by a charitable provider as defined in KRS 142.301 shall not be required to pay the application fee.
- (3) The board shall issue a certificate of registration and a pocket registration card to an applicant who meets the requirements for registration.

(4) On and after April 1, 2017, an applicant shall submit to a nationwide criminal background investigation by means of a fingerprint check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation at the applicant's expense. The results of the national and state criminal background check shall be sent to the board by the Department of Kentucky State Police.

➔Section 2. KRS 315.138 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Every pharmacy technician who wishes to renew his or her registration shall pay to the executive director of the board an annual renewal fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) and shall file with the board an application in such form and containing such information that the board reasonably determines necessary to renew the registration. Each pharmacy technician's registration shall expire on March 31 of each year. A delinquent renewal penalty fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) may be assessed for each renewal period the registrant fails to remove his or her registration after the expiration of the registration. ***On and after April 1, 2017, an***

applicant whose registration has lapsed for one (1) year or longer shall submit to a nationwide criminal background investigation by means of a fingerprint check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the applicant's expense. The results of the national and state criminal background check shall be sent to the board by the Department of Kentucky State Police.

- (2) Every pharmacy technician shall keep his or her current certificate of registration conspicuously displayed in the technician's primary place of employment.
- (3) In addition to a current certificate of registration, each pharmacy technician shall be issued, upon renewal, a pocket registration card which shall be in the registrant's possession when the registrant is assisting in the practice of pharmacy. The pocket registration card shall be exhibited upon the request of any member, inspector, or agent of the board.