

INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

The informational statement required by NRS 233B.066 numerically conforms to the subsections of the statute as follows:

1. EXPLANATION OF THE NEED FOR THE ADOPTED REGULATION

The proposed amendment will allow an accredited school or college of pharmacy located in Nevada to offer a course of continuing education (CE), along with the designated number of units of CE without submission to the Board for approval. The proposed amendment eliminates the requirement that not less than 15 of the 30 CE units required per biennium be units in accredited programs. Instead, all CE units to be obtained through a course or program for CE provided by certain schools or governmental entities or endorsed by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. The proposed regulation exempts an applicant who is residing and practicing outside of this State, including an applicant who is on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and stationed outside of this State from certain requirements, and exempts from all requirements to complete CE an applicant who is a student of a health profession and has attended at least 30 hours of instruction relating to health care during a biennial renewal period. The proposed amendment clarifies the requirements, removes unnecessary barriers, and streamlines the process to provide expediency while continuing to uphold basic standards to protect public health, safety and welfare.

2. A DESCRIPTION OF HOW PUBLIC COMMENT WAS SOLICITED, A SUMMARY OF PUBLIC RESPONSE, AND AN EXPLANATION HOW OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUMMARY.

The Board solicited comment on the proposed amendment by (1) posting notice, with links to the full text of the proposed amendment, to the LCB Administrative Regulation Notices webpage, (2) posting a copy of the full text of the proposed changes to the Board's website as part of the Board Hearing materials, (3) posting notice to the Nevada Public Notice website, operated by the Department of Administration, with a link back to a full text of the proposed amendment on the Board's website, and (4) posting notices and agendas in numerous public locations per NRS Chapter 233B.

The Board also solicited comment from Nevada dispensing practitioners, and from representatives of relevant industry associations that Board Staff deemed likely to have an interest in the proposed amendment. The Board further provided time for public comment at the workshop(s) concerning the proposed amendment. The Board received no public response.

Parties interested in obtaining a copy of the summary of the public response, or that wish to view the text of the proposed amendment, may access that information on the Board's website at bop.nv.gov, or by contacting the Board's office at (775) 850-1440.

3. THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO: (A) ATTENDED EACH HEARING; (B) TESTIFIED AT EACH HEARING; AND (C) SUBMITTED TO THE AGENCY WRITTEN STATEMENTS.

The number of persons who attended the hearing was: 46

The number of persons who testified at the hearing was: -0-

The number of agency submitted statements was: -0-

The name of persons who testified at the hearing: N/A

4. A DESCRIPTION OF HOW COMMENT WAS SOLICITED FROM AFFECTED BUSINESSES, A SUMMARY OF THEIR RESPONSE, AND AN EXPLANATION HOW OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THE SUMMARY.

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5. IF THE REGULATION WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT CHANGING ANY PART OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION, A SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR ADOPTING THE REGULATION WITHOUT CHANGE.

The Board received no comments from industry or the public requesting any changes.

6. THE ESTIMATED ECONOMIC EFFECT OF THE REGULATION ON THE BUSINESS WHICH IT IS TO REGULATE AND ON THE PUBLIC. THESE MUST BE STATED SEPARATELY, AND IN EACH CASE MUST INCLUDE:

A) BOTH ADVERSE AND BENEFICIAL EFFECTS.

There should be no adverse economic impact from this regulation amendment on the regulated entities or on the public. Pharmacists will benefit from removing

unnecessary barriers in the licensing process while continuing to uphold basic standards to protect public health, safety and welfare.

B) BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS.

Both the immediate and long-term economic effects on regulated entities and on the public will be beneficial by removing unnecessary barriers in the licensing process while continuing to uphold basic standards to protect public health, safety and welfare.

7. THE ESTIMATED COST TO THE AGENCY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION.

There will be no additional or special costs incurred by the Board of Pharmacy for enforcement of this regulation amendment.

8. A DESCRIPTION OF ANY REGULATIONS OF OTHER STATE OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH THE PROPOSED REGULATION OVERLAPS OR DUPLICATES AND A STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE DUPLICATION OR OVERLAPPING IS NECESSARY. IF THE REGULATION OVERLAPS OR DUPLICATES A FEDERAL REGULATION, THE NAME OF THE REGULATING FEDERAL AGENCY.

The Board of Pharmacy is not aware of any similar regulations of other state or government agencies that the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates.

9. IF THE REGULATION INCLUDES PROVISIONS WHICH ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN A FEDERAL REGULATION WHICH REGULATES THE SAME ACTIVITY, A SUMMARY OF SUCH PROVISIONS.

The regulation does not contain provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity.

10. IF THE REGULATION PROVIDES A NEW FEE OR INCREASES AN EXISTING FEE, THE TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT THE AGENCY EXPECTS TO COLLECT AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE MONEY WILL BE USED.

This regulation does not provide a new or increase of fees.