

Proposed Regulation of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy

Explanation – Language in *blue italics* is new; language in *red text* [*omitted material*] is language to be omitted, and language in *green text* indicates prior Board-approved amendments that are in the process of being codified.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 639.070

A REGULATION relating to increasing the amount of pharmaceutical technicians that a pharmacist may supervise; requiring personnel handling prescription drugs to be licensed by the Board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 639.250 is hereby amended as follows: Except as otherwise provided in NAC 639.258:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, in a hospital, a pharmacist who is dispensing prescriptions may not supervise more than a total of *five* ~~three~~ pharmaceutical technicians at one time. A pharmacist who is supervising distributive functions may not supervise more than a total of *four* ~~two~~ pharmaceutical technicians and one pharmaceutical technician in training while the trainee is performing technician functions in on-the-job training.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, in any pharmacy, other than a hospital pharmacy, a pharmacist may not supervise more than a total of *five* ~~three~~ pharmaceutical technicians or *three* ~~one~~ pharmaceutical *technicians* ~~technician~~ and two pharmaceutical technicians in training at one time.

3. In any telepharmacy, remote site or satellite consultation site, a pharmacist may not supervise more than a total of three pharmaceutical technicians at one time.

~~{ 4. A pharmacist may supervise more pharmaceutical technicians and pharmaceutical technicians in training at one time than are otherwise allowed pursuant to subsections 1 and 2 if:~~

~~— (a) Not more than three of the pharmaceutical technicians or pharmaceutical technicians in training are performing the duties of a pharmaceutical technician as set forth in NAC 639.245; and~~

~~— (b) The record kept by the pharmacy pursuant to NAC 639.245 identifies the pharmaceutical technicians and pharmaceutical technicians in training who are performing the duties of a pharmaceutical technician as set forth in NAC 639.245. }~~

4. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 639.520(4), no person working in a pharmacy may have access to or come into contact with any controlled substance or dangerous drug unless that person is registered with the Board as a pharmacist, intern pharmacist, pharmaceutical technician or pharmaceutical technician in training.

Sec. 2. NAC 639.701 is hereby amended as follows: The following acts are not required to be performed by a pharmacist, intern pharmacist, pharmaceutical technician or pharmaceutical technician in training:

1. Entering information into the pharmacy's computer other than information contained in a new prescription concerning the prescription drug and the directions for its use.

2. Processing sales, including the operation of a cash register.

~~[3. Stocking shelves.]~~

[4.]3. Delivering medication to a patient or to areas of a hospital where patients are cared for.