Proposed legislation would continue to allow the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to grant licensure by reciprocity to pharmacists licensed in states which also allow grant licensure by reciprocity to pharmacists licensed in Louisiana. Proposed legislation removes redundant language requiring licensure only be granted to states with “comparable circumstances and conditions” for their examinations; these “circumstances and conditions” are unspecified but fall under the existing powers of discernment held by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy when granting licensure.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. While proposed legislation may broaden the pool of qualified pharmacist applicants, the change is likely minimal and the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy does not anticipate an increase in workload that cannot be absorbed with existing resources.

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy believes this may induce additional licensure at a rate of one applicant per year, which would increase board revenue by $450/year.