

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 358

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PHARMACISTS: Permits a pharmacy technician to work remotely in certain circumstances

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1212, relative to pharmacy technicians; to permit a pharmacy
3 technician to work remotely in certain circumstances; to require a pharmacy to
4 protect confidential information; to prohibit certain administrative actions; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:1212 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1212. Pharmacy technicians; remote access

9 A. The board may register individuals as pharmacy technician candidates
10 and certify individuals as pharmacy technicians, both of whom may assist a
11 pharmacist in the practice of pharmacy, as specified in board rules. Notwithstanding
12 any provision in law to the contrary, in all cases, a pharmacist must verify the
13 accuracy of a prescription before the drug or device may be transferred to a patient
14 or patient's agent. The board may also set minimum training and education
15 requirements and examinations for certification as a pharmacy technician as it deems
16 necessary. The board may, by rule, establish ratios for pharmacy technician
17 candidates to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to pharmacists, but in no case
18 shall such ratio be less than two pharmacy technicians to one pharmacist.

19 B.(1) Notwithstanding any provision in law to the contrary, a pharmacy
20 technician licensed in this state and employed by or contracted with a pharmacy in

1 this state may remotely access electronic prescription records in the pharmacy
2 software system or dispensing information system.

3 (2) A pharmacy shall establish controls to protect the privacy and security
4 of confidential records.

5 (3) No part of a pharmacy software system or dispensing information system
6 shall be duplicated, downloaded, or removed by a pharmacy technician.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes that a pharmacy may allow a pharmacy technician licensed in this state and employed or contracted with the pharmacy to access prescription records to provide remote services.

Proposed law provides that a pharmacy technician licensed in this state and employed by a pharmacy licensed in this state may access the pharmacy's software system or dispensing information system to fulfill job tasks remotely.

Proposed law provides that a pharmacy shall establish controls to protect the privacy and security of confidential records and that no pharmacy software shall be duplicated, downloaded, or removed by a pharmacy technician.

(Amends R.S. 37:1212)