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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES

Introduced By: Senators Quezada, Euer, and Crowley

Date Introduced: May 30, 2019

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-19.1-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-19.1 entitled
2 "Pharmacies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-19.1-3. State board of pharmacy -- Creation -- Membership -- Oath -- Vacancies.**

4 (a) Within the department of health, there shall be a board of pharmacy, consisting of
5 ~~nine (9)~~ eleven (11) individuals, residents of the state of Rhode Island, one of whom shall be a
6 registered pharmacist who is currently employed in the department of pharmacy at a hospital
7 corporation in the state of Rhode Island during his or her term of appointment; two (2) of whom
8 shall be actively engaged in the practice of independent retail pharmacy; two (2) of whom shall
9 be representatives of the Rhode Island drug chain stores; two (2) of whom shall be actively
10 engaged in any field of pharmacy practice; two (2) of whom shall be pharmacy technicians
11 licensed pursuant to § 5-19.1-16; and two (2) of whom shall be from the public. All members,
12 except the public members and the pharmacy technician members, shall be registered pharmacists
13 and shall have been a licensed pharmacist for five (5) consecutive years in the state of Rhode
14 Island immediately prior to appointment.

15 (b) Members of the board shall hold office for a term of three (3) years. Appointment of
16 members shall occur as individual appointments expire, such that the composition of the board
17 will not be altered. All appointments shall be made by the director of health with the approval of
18 the governor.

19 (c) No person who has been appointed to and served for three (3) full consecutive three

1 (3) year terms shall be eligible for appointment to the board.

2 (d) Each member shall qualify by taking the usual oath of a state officer, which shall be
3 filed with the secretary of state, and each member shall hold office for the term of his or her
4 appointment and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

5 In the case of the resignation or disqualification of a member, or a vacancy occurring
6 from any cause, the director shall appoint a successor for the unexpired term.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would increase the state board of pharmacy from nine (9) to eleven (11)
- 2 members by adding two (2) pharmacy technicians.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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