

AN ACT concerning regulation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Pharmacy Practice Act is amended by changing Section 17.1 as follows:

(225 ILCS 85/17.1)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

Sec. 17.1. Registered pharmacy technician training.

(a) It shall be the joint responsibility of a pharmacy and its pharmacist in charge to have trained all of its registered pharmacy technicians or obtain proof of prior training in all of the following practice areas as they apply to Illinois law and relate to the specific practice site and job responsibilities:

(1) The duties and responsibilities of the technicians and pharmacists.

(2) Tasks and technical skills, policies, and procedures.

(3) Compounding, packaging, labeling, and storage.

(4) Pharmaceutical and medical terminology.

(5) Record keeping requirements.

(6) The ability to perform and apply arithmetic calculations.

Beginning January 1, 2024, it shall also be the joint responsibility of a pharmacy and its pharmacist in charge to ensure that all new pharmacy technicians are educated and trained using a standard nationally accredited education and training program, such as those accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)/the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), ~~or~~ equivalent work experience of 500 hours as a pharmacy technician covering the practice areas set forth in items (1) through (6) of this subsection, or equivalent work experience as a pharmacy technician as set forth by the Department by rule ~~other board approved education and training programs~~. The pharmacist in charge is not required to provide the required education to the pharmacy technician, but the pharmacist in charge must ensure that the pharmacy technician has presented proof that he or she completed a standard nationally accredited education and training program or has equivalent work experience as provided in this subsection ~~board approved education and training program~~.

(b) Within 2 years of initial licensure as a pharmacy technician and within 6 months before beginning any new duties and responsibilities of a registered pharmacy technician, it shall be the joint responsibility of the pharmacy and the pharmacist in charge to train the registered pharmacy technician or obtain proof of prior training in the areas listed in subsection (a) of this Section as they relate to the

practice site or to document that the pharmacy technician is making appropriate progress.

(c) All pharmacies shall maintain an up-to-date training program policies and procedures manual describing the duties and responsibilities of a registered pharmacy technician and registered certified pharmacy technician.

(d) All pharmacies shall create and maintain retrievable records of training or proof of training as required in this Section.

(Source: P.A. 101-621, eff. 1-1-20; 102-643, eff. 8-27-21.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.