STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25705

This bill updates and modernizes provisions of the Pharmacy Practice Act related to licensure and registration. The bill specifically eliminates two categories of registration: non-pharmacy retail outlets (e.g., retail outlets that sell non-prescription drugs) and certain veterinary drug outlets. Elimination of these registration categories does not mean these activities cannot occur; it simply removes the need for registration prior to engaging in these activities. The bill also removes obsolete definitions and creates an exception to fingerprinting requirements. The bill updates the annual renewal dates for licenses and registrations, which will stabilize revenue collection and staff workload, mitigating the need for future licensing staff increases. The bill also clarifies instances of unlawful practice; specifically, technology advancements have enabled non-resident pharmacists to provide services on behalf of Idaho-licensed facilities and such pharmacists will be exempt from licensure requirements and are carved out of the definition of unlawful practice provided certain conditions are met. Lastly, the bill provides housekeeping updates to remove obsolete language, modernize requirements, and correct spelling errors.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund. Eliminating the requirement for registration of non-pharmacy retail outlets and certain veterinary drug outlets will decrease annual revenue to the Board of Pharmacy's dedicated fund by \$43,460.00. The Board of Pharmacy's dedicated fund has a fund balance of \$2,610,200.00 at the start of FY2018; the Board's pending rules adjust other fees with a net budget impact that is expected to be close to budget neutral. The Board also projects future staff savings by creating a more even workload for licensing staff throughout the year, mitigating the need to hire additional staff during existing bulk renewal periods.

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