

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

Issue 1

Texas Lacks Key Tools Needed to Ensure Safe Dispensing of Dangerous, Highly Addictive Drugs to Patients.

Change in Statute

- Rec. 1.1, Adopted** Beginning in 2018, require pharmacists to search the Prescription Monitoring Program database before dispensing certain controlled substances.
- Rec. 1.2, Adopted** Require pharmacists to enter dispensing information in the Prescription Monitoring Program database within one business day of dispensing controlled substances.
- Rec. 1.3, Adopted** Authorize the board to send push notifications and to set related thresholds.

Management Action

- Rec. 1.4, Adopted** Direct the board to create delegate accounts for pharmacy technicians.
- Rec. 1.5, Adopted** Direct the board to work with vendors and stakeholders to integrate the Prescription Monitoring Program with pharmacy dispensing software.
- Rec. 1.6, Adopted** Direct the board to make trend data about controlled substance prescriptions in Texas publicly available.

Issue 2

Key Elements of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy's Statute Do Not Conform to Common Licensing Standards.

Change in Statute

- Rec. 2.1, Adopted** Remove unnecessary qualifications required of applicants for licensure or registration.
- Rec. 2.2, Adopted** Require the board to create a system of graduated penalties for late renewal of pharmacy technician registration.

- Rec. 2.3, Adopted** Clarify statute to authorize the board to delegate tasks to the executive director.
- Rec. 2.4, Adopted** Clarify statute to require the board to develop continuing education standards for pharmacy technicians.
- Rec. 2.5, Adopted** Authorize the board to deny renewal applications from noncompliant applicants.

Management Action

- Rec. 2.6, Adopted** The board should remove requirements that renewal forms be notarized.
- Rec. 2.7, Adopted** Direct the board to query a national disciplinary database before license renewal.

Issue 3

The State Has a Continuing Need to Regulate the Practice of Pharmacy.

Change in Statute

- Rec. 3.1, Adopted** Continue the Texas State Board of Pharmacy for 12 years.
- Rec. 3.2, Modified** Apply the standard Sunset across-the-board requirement for the board to develop a policy regarding negotiated rulemaking and alternative dispute resolution. Also apply the newly updated Sunset across-the-board recommendation on board member training (ATB 5), with an additional requirement for the Pharmacy Board to post a copy of each board member's signed acknowledgement sheet verifying receipt of the agency's training manual on the agency's website.

Management Action

- Rec. 3.3, Adopted** The board should develop and implement a succession plan to prepare for impending retirements.

Adopted New Issues

Wholesale Pharmaceutical Distributors Reporting

Require wholesale pharmaceutical distributors to report their sales of controlled substances to the Pharmacy Board and the Prescription Monitoring Program database, as they currently submit to the DEA.

Pharmacy Technician Certification Study

As a management action, direct the Pharmacy Board to study the potential benefits of recognizing all pharmacy technician certifications offered by entities accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.