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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Alabama Board of Pharmacy regulates compounding pharmacies. Existing law requires not more than three pharmacy technicians per pharmacist while compounding.

This bill would specify that while compounding the number of pharmacy technicians shall comply with the ratios for supervision as provided by rule of the board.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Board of Pharmacy and compounding pharmacies; to further provide for the number of pharmacy technicians while compounding to comply with the ratios for supervision as provided by rule of the board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 34-23-151 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§34-23-151

(a) Any pharmacist who engages in drug compounding shall be proficient in compounding and shall continually



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29 expand his or her compounding knowledge by participating in
30 seminars or studying appropriate literature, or both.

31 (b) Pharmacy technicians may assist pharmacists in the
32 preparation of compounds. When a written procedure for a
33 compound is not on file at the pharmacy, a pharmacist must
34 direct the preparation of the compound. At all times, a
35 pharmacist shall verify the weight or volume of all active
36 ingredients of a compound. While compounding, ~~there shall be~~
37 ~~no more than three technicians per pharmacist~~ the number of
38 pharmacy technicians shall comply with the ratios for
39 supervision as provided by rule of the board.

40 (c) A pharmacist shall have responsibility to do all of
41 the following:

42 (1) Verify all prescriptions.

43 (2) Approve or reject all components of the compounded
44 product, drug product containers, closures, and labeling.

45 (3) Prepare and review all compounding records to
46 assure that no errors have occurred in the compounding
47 process.

48 (4) Assure the proper maintenance, cleanliness, and use
49 of all equipment used in a prescription compounding practice.

50 (5) Assure that only personnel authorized by the
51 supervising pharmacist shall be in the immediate vicinity of
52 the drug compounding operation."

53 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
54 2024.