



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1170

board of pharmacy; rulemaking authority.

Purpose

Removes the requirement that a pharmacist prescribe, administer and dispense oral fluoride varnish or tobacco cessation drug therapies according to Arizona Board of Pharmacy (Board) rules and modifies the definition of *pharmacy*.

Background

The Board regulates the practice of pharmacy and the distribution, sale and storage of prescription medications, prescriptive devices and nonprescription medications in Arizona. The Board is charged with licensing pharmacists, pharmacy interns, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy technician trainees in Arizona. Statute requires the Board to adopt rules for the regulation of the pharmacy profession including supplying drugs and devices. Currently, statute authorizes the Board to adopt rules for prescribing and administering oral fluoride varnish and rules for prescribing and dispensing tobacco cessation drug therapies (A.R.S. §§ [32-1902](#); [32-1903](#); [32-1904](#); [32-1979.02](#); and [32-1979.03](#)).

A *pharmacy* is any place: 1) where drugs, devices, poisons or related hazardous substances are offered for sale; 2) in which the profession of pharmacy is practiced or where prescriptions are stored and dispensed; 3) that is advertised with specified words or symbols; 4) that is leased, used or controlled by a Board licensee; or 5) that is considered a remote dispensing site, including a satellite pharmacy ([A.R.S. § 32-1901](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Eliminates the requirement that a licensed and qualified pharmacist prescribe, administer and dispense oral fluoride varnish or tobacco cessation drug therapies according to Board rules.
2. Modifies the definition of *pharmacy* to include any place where prescription orders are dispensed by a licensed pharmacist.
3. Make technical and conforming changes.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.