

CHAPTER 151.

PHARMACY.

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151.01 Board. (1) The state board of pharmacy consists of five resident pharmacists, at the time of appointment actually engaged in practice, appointed by the governor, one each year for a term of five years.

(2) Annual meeting shall be held in April, at which president and secretary-treasurer shall be elected for terms of one year. Meetings for examination shall be held at least semiannually. Time and place of meetings shall be fixed by president and secretary. Thirty days' public notice shall be given of examinations.

(3) The secretary-treasurer need not be a member. He shall keep a record of the proceedings and a register of the names and places of business of persons registered under this chapter, and the books, registers and records of the board as made and kept by the secretary or under his supervision, subject to the direction of the board, shall be prima facie evidence of the matters therein recorded. He shall give such bond and receive such salary as the board determines. Members and officers shall receive their actual and necessary expenses. The board shall have the right to employ inspectors, special investigators, chemists, agents and clerical help for the purpose of carrying on the work of the board and shall have authority to employ an attorney when it deems necessary. The board shall have a seal, and the president and secretary may issue subpoenas and administer oaths. The board may pay out of its own funds witness fees and such other expenses as may be necessary and incidental to the carrying out of its functions.

(4) The board may adopt by-laws, rules and regulations, and shall cause prosecution of violations of this chapter. It shall report annually, to the governor and the Wisconsin pharmaceutical association, its proceedings, registrations, and receipts and disbursements. [1939 c. 448]

151.02 Registration. (1) All candidates for entrance to examination for registration as pharmacists must file application with the secretary of the board and pay the required fee of twenty dollars, at least fifteen days before the date of examination. The fee for all subsequent examinations shall be ten dollars. All candidates must be at least twenty-one years of age; must be of good moral character and temperate in habits; and if not citizens of the United States must have filed and proven their intentions of becoming citizens; and must be graduates of a standard, recognized high school, or must have acquired the equivalent of a high school education in some other institution of equal rank or standing, or must have passed an examination for the equivalent of high school given by a state university or by a state department or bureau of education, issuing a qualifying certificate for the necessary high school units recognized by the University of Wisconsin, or any other equivalent of a high school education recognized by the University of Wisconsin.

(2) Every such applicant for examination and registration as pharmacist must, in addition, file with the secretary proof satisfactory to the board, of having had at least five years of pharmaceutical training consisting of:

(a) Graduation from a school or college of pharmacy or a department of pharmacy of a university, which is recognized by the board and which requires for graduation at least a four-year course, consisting of not less than four nine-month terms. Credit for actual time of attendance at the school, college or department of pharmacy of a university shall be given on the required five years of pharmaceutical training; the remainder of the five years must be practice and experience in a retail pharmacy or drug store under the direction and supervision of a registered pharmacist, which practice and experience shall be predominantly work directly related to the selling of drugs, preparing and compounding of pharmaceutical preparations and physicians' prescriptions, and keeping of records and making of reports required under state and federal statutes.

(c) Provided, however, that exemption from the requirement of being a graduate in pharmacy in order to be examined for registered pharmacists shall be granted to persons who, before this section becomes effective, have been employed for at least one year in a retail pharmacy or drug store under a registered pharmacist, and who have registered as apprentices, or who register as apprentices within ninety days after this section becomes

effective, and who file proofs satisfactory to the board of having acquired four years of pharmaceutical training and experience under the direction and supervision of a registered pharmacist, or to persons registered as assistant pharmacists prior to the time this section becomes effective, who file proofs satisfactory to the board of having acquired four years of pharmaceutical training and experience under the direction and supervision of a registered pharmacist; provided further, that all such persons prove that they have acquired the requisite fitness and knowledge by successfully passing an examination before the board within four years from the date on which this applicant is qualified to be examined. If they cannot or do not qualify by successfully passing an examination within said four years, they shall, in keeping with public welfare, be required thereafter to first become graduates of a recognized school, college or department of pharmacy of a university recognized by the board before again being permitted entrance to examination for registration as pharmacists. Any registered assistant pharmacist who shall file proofs satisfactory to the board that he was employed for at least one year immediately prior to August 1, 1927, in a retail pharmacy or drug store under a registered pharmacist; that he failed to register as an apprentice as hereinbefore required, and that he has been continuously so employed from said time, shall be within the exemption of this section, but only so as to be eligible for the regular examination held by the board between September 1, 1935, and January 1, 1936.

(d) Any candidate who shall have been registered as an assistant pharmacist not later than 15 years prior to the date of his application for examination, and continuously during the 4 years immediately prior thereto shall have been employed in a licensed drug store or drug stores on a full-time basis, or personally operated a drug store on a full-time basis, shall be eligible to take the examination for registered pharmacist. In computing such continuous 4-year period, service of the candidate in the armed forces of the United States shall not be deemed to have interrupted the required continuous drug store employment or operation.

(3) Applicants filing proofs, satisfactory to the board, of qualifications and training as outlined in the preceding subsection shall, after having passed examination by the board, and upon payment of a five dollar certificate fee, be granted certificates as registered pharmacists. Proof satisfactory to the board covering experience, preliminary education, college of pharmacy graduation and character herein required shall be filed with the secretary of the board. Every registered pharmacist may continue to be such by annually, at such time as the board may determine renewing his certificate upon paying the fee of three dollars. Failure to obtain such renewal for sixty days after the secretary of such board shall have given a second notice of the expiration of his registration, shall terminate the right of any person to be a registered pharmacist within the meaning of this section, and such right can only be acquired by compliance with the provisions concerning original registration, again applying for and passing an examination satisfactory to the board.

(4) Candidates for entrance to examination and registration as assistant pharmacists must file application with the secretary of the board and pay the required fee of ten dollars, at least fifteen days before the examination. The fee, for all subsequent examinations shall be five dollars. All candidates must be at least eighteen years of age, and must be graduates of a standard recognized high school, or must have acquired the equivalent of a high school education in some other institution of equal rank or standing, or must have passed an examination for the equivalent of high school given by a state university or by a state department or bureau of education, issuing a qualifying certificate for the necessary high school units recognized by the university of Wisconsin, or any other equivalent of a high school education recognized by the university of Wisconsin; must be of good moral character and temperate in habits; shall file proof satisfactory to the board of having had at least three years of legal practice and experience in a retail pharmacy or drug store under the direction and supervision of a registered pharmacist, which practice and experience shall be predominantly work directly related to selling drugs and preparing and compounding pharmaceutical preparations and physicians' prescriptions.

(5) Applicants filing proofs, satisfactory to the board, of qualifications and training as required herein for assistants shall, after having passed examination by the board, and upon payment of a five dollar certificate fee, be granted certificates as assistant pharmacists. Every registered assistant pharmacist may continue to be such by annually, at such time as the board of pharmacy may determine, making application thereto for the renewal of his certificate and paying the prescribed fee of two dollars. Failure to obtain such renewal for sixty days after the secretary of such board shall have given a second notice of the expiration of his registration, shall terminate the right of any person to be a registered assistant pharmacist within the meaning of this section, and such right can only be acquired by compliance with the provisions concerning original registration, again applying for and passing an examination satisfactory to the board. The issuance of

either of the certificates provided for in this section shall entitle the person to whom it is issued to be registered in the proper class.

(a) No assistant pharmacist examination shall be given after January 1, 1943, and only those who are registered as apprentices on the effective date of this paragraph shall be eligible hereafter for examination as assistant pharmacists.

(6) The board may in its discretion register as a pharmacist or assistant pharmacist, without examination, any person who is duly registered in some other state; provided, that the said person shall produce satisfactory evidence of having had the required secondary and professional education and training and is possessed of good character and habits demanded of applicants for registration as pharmacists and assistant pharmacists under the laws of this state, and upon payment of twenty-five dollars, excepting that persons of good character and habits who have become registered as pharmacists or assistant pharmacists in some other state prior to the date on which this section becomes effective, shall be required to meet only the requirements which existed in this state at the time when they became registered in such other state, and provided also that the state from which the applicant applies shall, under like conditions, grant reciprocal registration as a pharmacist without examination to pharmacists duly registered in this state.

(7) The board, upon notice and hearing, may revoke the registration of one guilty of felony or gross immorality, or who is addicted to alcoholic liquors or narcotic drugs, or whose registration was secured by fraud or mistake or who has been guilty of repeated violations of this chapter or of repeated violations of any of the rules or regulations of the board, or who has been guilty of repeated acts of unprofessional conduct as herein defined. No such revocation shall become effective until twenty days after notice of the decision of the board has been served upon the person accused. Decisions of the board under this section shall be subject to review as provided in chapter 227 and in case the provisions thereof are invoked by the accused within such 20-day period, such order of revocation shall become effective only at such time as may be ordered by the court. Unprofessional conduct means:

(a) Sale of adulterated drugs as defined in section 97.25.

(b) Compounding a prescription by negligently adding substances not prescribed or called for, or by negligently omitting substances prescribed or called for.

(8) No person shall use the title "pharmacist" or "assistant pharmacist" unless duly registered as such under the provisions of this chapter, nor shall any person, firm or corporation use or display the title "drug store," "pharmacy," "apothecary," or any other title, symbol, insignia (including without limitation because of enumeration, mortar and pestle, colored show globes, the sign Rx and the like) having the same or similar meaning for such place of business unless such place of business be one where drugs are sold in accordance with the provisions of section 151.04.

(9) No drug store, pharmacy, apothecary shop, or any similar place of business, shall be opened or kept open for the transaction of business until it has been registered with and a permit therefor has been issued by the state board of pharmacy; provided, however, that this section shall not be construed to apply to any store or stores opened for the sale of proprietary or so-called patent medicines which conform to state and federal laws. Every pharmacy and store conducted under the supervision of a registered pharmacist shall be annually registered on June 1 with the state board of pharmacy, on application forms provided for that purpose by the board, on request, and the board shall thereupon issue a suitable certificate of registration to such persons which permit shall be conspicuously displayed in a front window or door of such place of business. Applications for registration as a pharmacy or drug store shall include information regarding the names of all pharmacists, assistant pharmacists and registered apprentices who are employed therein. Only places in charge of a registered pharmacist and holding a permit as a pharmacy may use the title "pharmacy," "pharmacist," "apothecary" or "drug store," or use customary titles, symbols or insignia and each must be under the separate management of a registered pharmacist, who shall not engage to manage or supervise more than one such place, but nothing contained in this section shall prevent a person from owning and conducting more than one pharmacy; provided, each be under the separate supervision of a registered pharmacist. For the registration of every place herein required to be registered, there shall be paid an annual registration fee of \$5, payable on June 1 of each year. Any person failing to register his place of business as herein required, failing to have in charge of each pharmacy a registered pharmacist, who does not manage or supervise more than one pharmacy, or who otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of this section, shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for each separate offense. Each day's violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

(10) Every pharmacy shall be equipped with proper pharmaceutical utensils so that compounding of prescriptions and dispensing of medicaments can be properly performed.

The Wisconsin board of pharmacy, with the advice and consent of the faculty of the university of Wisconsin school of pharmacy, shall prescribe the minimum standards of such professional and technical equipment, which shall include copies of the latest revisions of the United States Pharmacopoeia and the National Formulary and any supplement to either of them. No permit shall be issued or continued for the conduct of a pharmacy unless the provisions of this subsection have been complied with. No permit shall be issued or continued for the conduct of a pharmacy unless the premises of such pharmacy be equipped with proper sanitary appliances and kept in a clean and orderly manner. There shall be kept in every pharmacy a suitable book or file, in which every prescription compounded or dispensed shall be preserved for a period of not less than five years. [1931 c. 396; 1935 c. 233; 1939 c. 448; 1939 c. 517 s. 9a; 1943 c. 77; 1943 c. 375 s. 58; 1945 c. 292]

Note: Applicant for license as pharmacist who falls within the class exempted by (2) (c) may be examined at any time within four years of date upon which he completed prerequisite requirements. 20 Atty. Gen. 174; 21 Atty. Gen. 46.

"Drug sundries" as store sign is of similar meaning to "drug store," and its use by stores that are not regular pharmacies is prohibited by (8). 20 Atty. Gen. 778.

One convicted of felony may be allowed to take pharmacist's examination, if qualified to do so. 25 Atty. Gen. 708.

Where second notice of expiration of pharmacist's registration under (3) is sent by registered mail with return receipt requested and notice is returned marked "unclaimed," such notice is ineffective to terminate right to be registered pharmacist. 26 Atty. Gen. 48.

Person who passes examination given by state board of pharmacy may become legally registered pharmacist even though one member of board is not registered pharmacist as required by 151.01 (1). 26 Atty. Gen. 97.

Except for short absences which may be reasonably necessary in the case of registered pharmacist in charge, an establishment using the title "pharmacy," "drug store," "pharmacist" or "apothecary" may not, in view of the provisions of (9) be kept open in the absence of the registered pharmacist, even for the serving of meals and the sale of other commodities and regardless of the fact that drugs are kept in a separate room and locked when the pharmacist is not present. 28 Atty. Gen. 395.

151.03 Permit. In rural districts with no registered pharmacist or assistant pharmacist within three miles, the board may issue to merchants permit to sell for one year drugs and medicines specified therein, upon payment of the fee fixed by the board, not exceeding five dollars.

Note: Rural permit to sell drugs and medicines may not be issued to person who is a resident of a city or village. 21 Atty. Gen. 25.

151.04 Practice. (1) Certificates of registration, renewals, and permits shall be conspicuously exposed to public view in the place of business.

(2) No person shall sell, give away, barter, compound or dispense drugs, medicines or poisons, except paris green, in packages labeled "paris green, poison," nor permit it, in a town, village or city of five hundred or more inhabitants, unless he be a registered pharmacist, nor institute nor conduct a place therefor without a registered pharmacist in charge, except that a registered assistant pharmacist may do so under the personal supervision of a registered pharmacist, and may have charge during the pharmacist's necessary absence, not to exceed ten days. If the inhabitants are less than five hundred, only a registered assistant pharmacist is required.

(3) This shall not interfere with the dispensing of drugs, medicines or other articles by physicians, nor with the sale of proprietary medicines in sealed packages, labeled to comply with the federal and state pure food and drug law, with directions for using, and the name and location of the manufacturer, nor with the sale of economic poisons for use in agricultural and industrial arts, nor with the sale of products used for control of insects or animal pests, weeds or fungus diseases, when sold in original unbroken containers, and in compliance with the insecticide and fungicide law of this state, nor with the sale of alum, ammonia, borax, bay rum, bicarbonate of soda, cream of tartar, concentrated lye, olive oil, sal ammoniac, sal soda, sulphur, copperas, epsom salts, glauber salts, castor oil, glycerine, senna leaves, indigo, blue vitriol, turpentine, wood alcohol and denatured alcohol.

(4) No person, firm or corporation shall manufacture, produce, package, pack or prepare within this state any drugs or medicines except under the personal and immediate supervision of a registered pharmacist or such other person as may be approved by the board after an investigation and a determination that such other person or persons are qualified by scientific training and education to perform such duties of supervision in a manner adequate to protect the public health and safety. No person, firm or corporation shall manufacture, produce, package, pack or prepare any drugs or medicines within this state without first obtaining a permit from the Wisconsin board of pharmacy. The issuance of such permit shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the board may from time to time adopt for the protection of the public health and safety. [1939 c. 46, 448]

Note: The purpose of (2) is to prevent any but registered pharmacists, or assistant registered pharmacists under the personal supervision of registered pharmacist, from selling or compounding drugs; and a registered pharmacist, having charge of a drug-store in a municipality of the size covered by the statute, and permitting a clerk who is neither a registered pharmacist nor a registered assistant pharmacist to sell drugs, violates the statute. *State v. Maas*, 246 W 159, 16 NW (2d) 406.

Registered pharmacist who is in charge of drug store need not be present at all

times when such store is open, but during his absence no drugs may be sold. 19 Atty. Gen. 337.

Subsection (2) does not prohibit stores from doing their own packaging and labeling of paris green from bulk supply. 20 Atty. Gen. 777.

Formaldehyde may not be sold by general merchant in rural district without permit under 151.03. 24 Atty. Gen. 415.

Compounds bearing names similar to aspirin and containing similar ingredients may be sold only under (2). 28 Atty. Gen. 90.

151.05 Penalty. (1) Anyone who violates subsection (1) of section 151.04 shall forfeit ten dollars for each failure, and anyone who wilfully makes a false representation to procure registration or permit for himself or another, or who violates this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail for not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days, or both.

(2) It is the duty of each member and officer of the board to investigate and institute actions for violations of this chapter and of chapter 161, section 146.20, and of section 351.235 and the district attorney shall promptly prosecute upon notice from any source. [1939 c. 448; 1943 c. 77]

Note: Owner of grain and feed store selling arsenic and clerk making sale are liable to forfeiture of fifty dollars, for violation of pharmacy law, and if 146.02 (23) was not complied with, to minimum penalty of one hundred dollars fine. 20 Atty. Gen. 775.

151.06 Definition of drug. The term "drug", as used in this chapter, means:

(1) Articles recognized in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or official National Formulary, or any supplement to any of them, intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in man or other animals; and

(2) All other articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease in man or other animals; and

(3) Articles (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or other animals; and

(4) Articles intended for use as a component of any articles specified in subsections (1), (2) or (3); but does not include surgical, dental or laboratory instruments, gases, oxygen therapy equipment, X-ray apparatus, or therapeutic lamps, their components, parts or accessories; or equipment, instruments, apparatus, or contrivances used to render such articles effective in medical, surgical or dental treatment; or articles intended for use or consumption in or for mechanical, industrial, manufacturing, or scientific applications or purposes. [1939 c. 448]