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Introduced by Representative Stevens of Waterbury
Referred to Committee on
Date:
Subject: Professions and occupations; pharmacy; work conditions
Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require certain
work conditions for the practice of pharmacy.

An act relating to work conditions in the practice of pharmacy

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. chapter 36 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 36. PHARMACY

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Subchapter 3. Licensing

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§ 2042b. PHARMACY TECHNICIANS; NONDISCRETIONARY TASKS;
SUPERVISION

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(f)(1) A pharmacist on duty shall be directly responsible for the conduct of
a pharmacy technician and is limited to supervising no more than two
pharmacy technicians at any one time.

1 (2) A pharmacist responsible for a pharmacy technician shall be on the
2 premises at all times.

3 (3) A pharmacist shall verify a prescription before medication is
4 provided to the patient.

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6 Subchapter 5. Registration of Facilities

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8 § 2062a. REQUIRED WORK CONDITIONS

9 A drug outlet shall comply with and enforce the work conditions for its
10 employees set forth in this section.

11 (1) Pharmacist hours. A pharmacist shall work no more than
12 10 hours per day and shall be provided with at least one 30-minute meal break
13 and at least one additional 15-minute break.

14 (2) Limitation on filling prescriptions. A pharmacist shall not be
15 required to fill more than an average of eight prescriptions per hour in a shift.

16 (3) Number of pharmacy technicians. A drug outlet that averages at
17 least 300 prescriptions per week shall employ at least one pharmacy
18 technician. Such an outlet shall have on duty at least one pharmacy technician
19 for every hour in a day that the outlet on average fills seven prescriptions.

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1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.