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HOUSE BILL 708\*  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/25/17

Short Title: Require Criminal BGC/Pharmacist Licensure.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 11, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS FOR  
3 PHARMACIST LICENSURE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-85.15 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 90-85.15. Application and examination**~~Application, qualifications, and criminal record~~  
7 **check for licensure as a pharmacist; prerequisites.**

8 (a) ~~Any person who desires to be licensed~~Each applicant for licensure under this Article  
9 as a pharmacist shall file an application with the Executive Director on the form furnished by  
10 the Board, verified under oath, setting forth ~~the~~all of the following:

11 (1) ~~The applicant's name, age, the~~name.

12 (2) ~~The applicant's age.~~

13 (3) ~~The place at which and the time that he~~the applicant has spent in the study  
14 of pharmacy, and his pharmacy.

15 (4) ~~The applicant's experience in compounding and dispensing prescriptions~~  
16 under the supervision of a pharmacist.

17 ~~The applicant shall also appear at a time and place designated by the Board and submit to an~~  
18 ~~examination as to his qualifications for being licensed. The applicant must demonstrate to the~~  
19 ~~Board his physical and mental competency to practice pharmacy.~~

20 (b) ~~On or after July 1, 1982, all applicants shall have received~~The Board shall license  
21 an applicant to practice pharmacy if, in addition to completing an application as specified in  
22 subsection (a) of this section, the applicant meets all of the following qualifications:

23 (1) ~~Holds an undergraduate degree from a school of pharmacy approved by the~~  
24 ~~Board. Applicants shall be required to have had~~

25 (2) ~~Has had up to one year of experience, approved by the Board, under the~~  
26 ~~supervision of a pharmacist and shall pass pharmacist.~~

27 (3) ~~Has passed the required examination offered by the Board. Upon completing~~  
28 ~~these requirements and upon paying the required fee, the applicant shall be~~  
29 ~~licensed.~~

30 (4) ~~Has appeared at a time and place designated by the Board and submitted to~~  
31 ~~an examination as to the applicant's qualifications for being licensed. The~~  
32 ~~applicant must demonstrate to the Board the physical and mental~~  
33 ~~competency to practice pharmacy.~~

34 (c) ~~The Department of Public Safety may provide a criminal record check to the Board~~  
35 ~~for a person who has applied for a license through the Board. The Board shall provide to the~~  
36 ~~Department of Public Safety, along with the request, the fingerprints of the applicant, any~~



1 additional information required by the Department of Public Safety, and a form signed by the  
2 applicant consenting to the check of the criminal record and to the use of the fingerprints and  
3 other identifying information required by the State or national repositories. The applicant's  
4 fingerprints shall be forwarded to the State Bureau of Investigation for a search of the State's  
5 criminal history record file, and the State Bureau of Investigation shall forward a set of the  
6 fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check. The  
7 Board shall keep all information pursuant to this subsection privileged, in accordance with  
8 applicable State law and federal guidelines, and the information shall be confidential and shall  
9 not be a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

10 The Department of Public Safety may charge each applicant a fee for conducting the checks  
11 of criminal history records authorized by this subsection. The Board shall require each applicant  
12 to provide the Board with a criminal record report. All applicants shall obtain criminal record  
13 reports from one or more reporting services designated by the Board to provide criminal record  
14 reports. The Board shall keep all information obtained pursuant to this subsection privileged, in  
15 accordance with applicable State law and federal guidelines, and the information shall be  
16 confidential and shall not be a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.  
17 Applicants are required to pay the designated reporting service for the cost of these reports."

18 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2018, and applies to  
19 applications submitted on or after that date.