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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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A N A C T

RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Noret, Alzate, Fenton-Fung, and Solomon

Date Introduced: February 12, 2021

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-19.1-14 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-19.1 entitled
2 "Pharmacies" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-19.1-14. Licensing of pharmacists -- Prerequisites -- Examinations -- Reciprocity --**
4 **Fees -- Renewal.**

5 (a) The director shall license as a pharmacist any individual who shall:

6 (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;

7 (2) Have satisfied the board that he or she is of good moral and professional character;

8 (3) Hold a baccalaureate degree in pharmacy or a doctor of pharmacy degree granted by a
9 school or college of pharmacy program that is accredited by the American Council on
10 Pharmaceutical Education; or is a graduate of a foreign college who wishes to be examined for
11 licensure as a pharmacist in this state and who shall provide evidence of successful completion of
12 the FPGEC Certification Program as established in regulation;

13 (4) Have completed or have otherwise met the internship requirements as set forth in rules;

14 (5) Have satisfactorily passed examinations approved by the board and the director; and

15 (6) Have met any additional requirements that may be established in regulations.

16 (b) The department shall, without examination other than those required in regulation
17 relating to the practice of pharmacy, license as a pharmacist any individual who has been duly
18 licensed by examination as a pharmacist under the laws of another state, territory, or possession of
19 the United States, if, in the opinion of the board of pharmacy, the applicant meets the qualifications

1 required of professional pharmacists in this state.

2 (c) Every application under this section shall be accompanied by a fee as determined by
3 the department in regulation.

4 (d) The department shall provide for, regulate, and require all persons licensed as
5 pharmacists to periodically renew their license, and shall prescribe the form of the license and
6 information required to be submitted by all applicants. [The fee to renew a pharmacist license shall](#)
7 [not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars \(\\$200\) on an annual basis.](#)

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would limit the application fee for pharmacists to two hundred dollars (\$200)
2 annually.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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