

By: Representative Bowles

To: Public Health and Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 255

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-21-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS WHO RECEIVED THEIR BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM  
3 A SCHOOL OR COLLEGE OF PHARMACY WITH A FOUR- OR FIVE-YEAR PHARMACY  
4 PROGRAM TO USE THE TITLE "DOCTOR OF PHARMACY"; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-21-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 73-21-83. (1) The board shall be responsible for the  
10 control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy, to include the  
11 regulation of pharmacy externs or interns and pharmacist  
12 technicians, in this state, the regulation of the wholesaler  
13 distribution of drugs and devices as defined in Section 73-21-73,  
14 and the distribution of sample drugs or devices by manufacturer's  
15 distributors as defined in Section 73-21-73 by persons other than  
16 the original manufacturer or distributor in this state.

17 (2) A license for the practice of pharmacy shall be obtained  
18 by all persons before their engaging in the practice of pharmacy.  
19 However, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to  
20 physicians, dentists, veterinarians, osteopaths or other  
21 practitioners of the healing arts who are licensed under the laws  
22 of the State of Mississippi and are authorized to dispense and  
23 administer prescription drugs in the course of their professional  
24 practice.

25 (3) The initial licensure fee shall be set by the board but  
26 shall not exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

27 (4) All students actively enrolled in a professional school  
28 of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical



29 Education who are making satisfactory progress toward graduation  
30 and who act as an extern or intern under the direct supervision of  
31 a pharmacist in a location permitted by the Board of Pharmacy must  
32 obtain a pharmacy student registration before engaging in that  
33 activity. The student registration fee shall be set by the board  
34 but shall not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

35 (5) All persons licensed to practice pharmacy before July 1,  
36 1991, by the State Board of Pharmacy under Section 73-21-89 shall  
37 continue to be licensed under the provisions of Section 73-21-91.

38 (6) Any person holding a license to practice pharmacy who  
39 received his or her bachelor's degree from a school or college of  
40 pharmacy with a four- or five-year pharmacy program is authorized  
41 to use the title "Doctor of Pharmacy."

42 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
43 and after July 1, 2003.

