

House Bill 585 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Parham of the 122nd, Graves of the 125th, West of the 101st, Coleman of the 142nd, Childers of the 13th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to provide for the regulation of the activities and use of
3 pharmacy technicians; to provide for the licensing and inspection of pharmacy benefit
4 managers; to authorize the board to promulgate rules and regulations requiring wholesale
5 drug distributors to provide for the return of outdated drugs for credit or replacement; to
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and
10 pharmacies, is amended by striking subsection (d) of Code Section 26-4-82, relating to duties
11 requiring professional judgment, and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (d) to read
12 as follows:

13 "(d) The board of pharmacy shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding the activities
14 and utilization of pharmacy technicians in pharmacies; provided, however, that the
15 pharmacist to pharmacy technician ratio shall not exceed one pharmacist providing direct
16 supervision of ~~two~~ three pharmacy technicians. The board may consider and approve an
17 application to increase the ratio in a pharmacy located in a licensed hospital. Such
18 application must be made in writing and must be submitted to the board by the pharmacist
19 in charge of a specific hospital pharmacy in this state. One of the three technicians must:
20 (1) Have successfully passed a certification program approved by the board of pharmacy;
21 (2) Have successfully passed an employer's training and assessment program which has
22 been approved by the board of pharmacy; or
23 (3) Have been certified by either the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board or any
24 other nationally recognized certifying body approved by the board of pharmacy."

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SECTION 4.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.