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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 3719.21, 4729.99, 4776.02, and 1  
4776.04 and to enact section 4729.42 of the 2  
Revised Code to prohibit unauthorized 3  
pharmacy-related drug conduct relative to persons 4  
employed as pharmacy technicians. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3719.21, 4729.99, 4776.02, and 6  
4776.04 be amended and section 4729.42 of the Revised Code be 7  
enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 3719.21.** Except as provided in division (C) of section 9  
2923.42, division (B) of section 2923.44, divisions (D)(1), (F), 10  
and (H) of section 2925.03, division (D)(1) of section 2925.02, 11  
2925.04, or 2925.05, division (E)(1) of section 2925.11, division 12  
(F) of section 2925.13, division (F) of section 2925.36, division 13  
(D) of section 2925.22, division (H) of section 2925.23, division 14  
(M) of section 2925.37, division (B) of section 2925.42, division 15  
(B) of section 2929.18, division (D) of section 3719.99, division 16

(B)(1) of section 4729.65, ~~and~~ division (E)(3) of section 4729.99, and division (I)(3) of section 4729.99 of the Revised Code, the clerk of the court shall pay all fines or forfeited bail assessed and collected under prosecutions or prosecutions commenced for violations of this chapter, section 2923.42 of the Revised Code, or Chapter 2925. of the Revised Code, within thirty days, to the executive director of the state board of pharmacy, and the executive director shall deposit the fines into the state treasury to the credit of the occupational licensing and regulatory fund.

Sec. 4729.42. (A) As used in this section, "qualified pharmacy technician" means a person who is under the personal supervision of a pharmacist and to whom all of the following apply:

(1) The person is eighteen years of age or older.

(2) The person possesses a high school diploma, possesses a certificate of high school equivalence, or was employed prior to the effective date of this section as a pharmacy technician without a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalence.

(3) The person has passed an examination approved by the state board of pharmacy to determine a person's competency to perform services as a pharmacy technician.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the person has submitted to a criminal records check in accordance with section 4776.02 of the Revised Code as if the person was an applicant for an initial license who is subject to that section, and the results of the criminal records check do not show that the person previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any felony in this state, any other state, or the United States.

(B) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, no person who is not a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or qualified pharmacy technician shall do any of the following in a pharmacy or while performing a function of a pharmacy: 47  
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(1) Engage in the compounding of any drug; 51

(2) Package or label any drug; 52

(3) Prepare or mix any intravenous drug to be injected into a human being. 53  
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(C) No pharmacist shall allow any person employed or otherwise under the control of the pharmacist to violate division (B) of this section. 55  
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(D) No person who owns, manages, or conducts a pharmacy shall allow any person employed or otherwise under the control of the person who owns, manages, or conducts the pharmacy to violate division (B) of this section. 58  
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(E)(1) Division (B) of this section does not prohibit a health care professional authorized to engage in the activities specified in division (B)(1), (2), or (3) of this section while acting in the course of the professional's practice. 62  
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(2) Division (B) of this section does not prohibit the activities performed by a student as an integral part of a pharmacy technician training program that is operated by a vocational school district or joint vocational school district, certified by the department of education, or approved by the Ohio board of regents. 66  
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(3) In the case of a person employed after the effective date of this section, division (B) of this section does not prohibit the person's activities for the first two hundred ten days following the initial date of employment, if both of the following apply: 72  
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(a) The person is participating in or has completed a 77  
pharmacy technician training program that meets the board's 78  
standards for those programs and is making substantial progress in 79  
preparation to take a pharmacy technician examination approved by 80  
the board. 81

(b) The results of the person's criminal records check show 82  
that the person previously has not been convicted of or has not 83  
pleaded guilty to any felony in this state, any other state, or 84  
the United States. 85

(4) In the case of a person who completes a pharmacy 86  
technician training program that is operated by a vocational 87  
school district or joint vocational school district, division (B) 88  
of this section does not prohibit the person's activities for the 89  
first two hundred ten days following the date of completing the 90  
program, if both of the following apply: 91

(a) The person is making substantial progress in preparation 92  
to take a pharmacy technician examination approved by the board. 93

(b) The results of the person's criminal records check show 94  
that the person previously has not been convicted of or has not 95  
pleaded guilty to any felony in this state, any other state, or 96  
the United States. 97

(5) In the case of a person employed on the effective date of 98  
this section in the capacity of a pharmacy technician, division 99  
(B) of this section does not do either of the following: 100

(a) Require the person to undergo a criminal records check if 101  
the person has been employed for five years or longer; 102

(b) Prohibit the person's activities until the earlier of 103  
either of the following: 104

(i) If the person has not passed an examination described in 105  
division (A)(3) of this section, one year after the effective date 106

of this section; 107

(ii) If a criminal records check is required because the 108  
person has not been employed for five years or longer, the date on 109  
which the person and the employer receive the results of a 110  
criminal records check that show the person previously has been 111  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to any felony in this state, any 112  
other state, or the United States. 113

**Sec. 4729.99.** (A) Whoever violates section 4729.16, division 114  
(A) or (B) of section 4729.38, or section 4729.57 of the Revised 115  
Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day's violation 116  
constitutes a separate offense. 117

(B) Whoever violates section 4729.27, 4729.28, or 4729.36 of 118  
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. 119  
Each day's violation constitutes a separate offense. If the 120  
offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a 121  
violation of this chapter, that person is guilty of a misdemeanor 122  
of the second degree. 123

(C) Whoever violates section 4729.32, 4729.33, or 4729.34 of 124  
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor. 125

(D) Whoever violates division (A), (B), (D), or (E) of 126  
section 4729.51 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of 127  
the first degree. 128

(E)(1) Whoever violates section 4729.37, division (C)(2) of 129  
section 4729.51, division (J) of section 4729.54, or section 130  
4729.61 of the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fifth 131  
degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or 132  
pleaded guilty to a violation of this chapter or a violation of 133  
Chapter 2925. or 3719. of the Revised Code, that person is guilty 134  
of a felony of the fourth degree. 135

(2) If an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 136

violation of section 4729.37, division (C) of section 4729.51, 137  
division (J) of section 4729.54, or section 4729.61 of the Revised 138  
Code, if the violation involves the sale, offer to sell, or 139  
possession of a schedule I or II controlled substance, with the 140  
exception of marihuana, and if the court imposing sentence upon 141  
the offender finds that the offender as a result of the violation 142  
is a major drug offender, as defined in section 2929.01 of the 143  
Revised Code, and is guilty of a specification of the type 144  
described in section 2941.1410 of the Revised Code, the court, in 145  
lieu of the prison term authorized or required by division (E)(1) 146  
of this section and sections 2929.13 and 2929.14 of the Revised 147  
Code and in addition to any other sanction imposed for the offense 148  
under sections 2929.11 to 2929.18 of the Revised Code, shall 149  
impose upon the offender, in accordance with division (D)(3)(a) of 150  
section 2929.14 of the Revised Code, the mandatory prison term 151  
specified in that division and may impose an additional prison 152  
term under division (D)(3)(b) of that section. 153

(3) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 3719.21 154  
of the Revised Code, the clerk of court shall pay any fine imposed 155  
for a violation of section 4729.37, division (C) of section 156  
4729.51, division (J) of section 4729.54, or section 4729.61 of 157  
the Revised Code pursuant to division (A) of section 2929.18 of 158  
the Revised Code in accordance with and subject to the 159  
requirements of division (F) of section 2925.03 of the Revised 160  
Code. The agency that receives the fine shall use the fine as 161  
specified in division (F) of section 2925.03 of the Revised Code. 162

(F) Whoever violates section 4729.531 of the Revised Code or 163  
any rule adopted thereunder or section 4729.532 of the Revised 164  
Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 165

(G) Whoever violates division (C)(1) of section 4729.51 of 166  
the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the fourth degree. If 167  
the offender has previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to 168

a violation of this chapter, or of a violation of Chapter 2925. or 169  
3719. of the Revised Code, that person is guilty of a felony of 170  
the third degree. 171

(H) Whoever violates division (C)(3) of section 4729.51 of 172  
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 173  
If the offender has previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty 174  
to a violation of this chapter, or of a violation of Chapter 2925. 175  
or 3719. of the Revised Code, that person is guilty of a felony of 176  
the fifth degree. 177

(I)(1) Whoever violates division (B) of section 4729.42 of 178  
the Revised Code is guilty of unauthorized pharmacy-related drug 179  
conduct. Except as otherwise provided in this section, 180  
unauthorized pharmacy-related drug conduct is a misdemeanor of the 181  
second degree. If the offender previously has been convicted of or 182  
pleaded guilty to a violation of division (B), (C), or (D) of that 183  
section, unauthorized pharmacy-related drug conduct is a 184  
misdemeanor of the first degree on a second offense and a felony 185  
of the fifth degree on a third or subsequent offense. 186

(2) Whoever violates division (C) or (D) of section 4729.42 187  
of the Revised Code is guilty of permitting unauthorized 188  
pharmacy-related drug conduct. Except as otherwise provided in 189  
this section, permitting unauthorized pharmacy-related drug 190  
conduct is a misdemeanor of the second degree. If the offender 191  
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation 192  
of division (B), (C), or (D) of that section, permitting 193  
unauthorized pharmacy-related drug conduct is a misdemeanor of the 194  
first degree on a second offense and a felony of the fifth degree 195  
on a third or subsequent offense. 196

(3) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 3719.21 197  
of the Revised Code or any other provision of law that governs the 198  
distribution of fines, the clerk of the court shall pay any fine 199  
imposed pursuant to division (I)(1) or (2) of this section to the 200

state board of pharmacy if the board has adopted a written 201  
internal control policy under division (F)(2) of section 2925.03 202  
of the Revised Code that addresses fine moneys that it receives 203  
under Chapter 2925. of the Revised Code and if the policy also 204  
addresses fine moneys paid under this division. The state board of 205  
pharmacy shall use the fines so paid in accordance with the 206  
written internal control policy to subsidize the board's law 207  
enforcement efforts that pertain to drug offenses. 208

**Sec. 4776.02.** (A) An applicant for an initial license or 209  
restored license from a licensing agency, or a person seeking to 210  
satisfy the criteria for being a qualified pharmacy technician 211  
that are specified in section 4729.42 of the Revised Code, shall 212  
submit a request to the bureau of criminal identification and 213  
investigation for a criminal records check of the applicant or 214  
person. The request shall be accompanied by a completed copy of 215  
the form prescribed under division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of 216  
the Revised Code, a set of fingerprint impressions obtained as 217  
described in division (C)(2) of that section, and the fee 218  
prescribed under division (C)(3) of that section. The applicant or 219  
person shall ask the superintendent of the bureau of criminal 220  
identification and investigation in the request to obtain from the 221  
federal bureau of investigation any information it has pertaining 222  
to the applicant or person. 223

An applicant or person requesting a criminal records check 224  
shall provide the bureau of criminal identification and 225  
investigation with the applicant's or person's name and address 226  
and, regarding an applicant, with the licensing agency's name and 227  
address. 228

(B) Upon receipt of the completed form, the set of 229  
fingerprint impressions, and the fee provided for in division (A) 230  
of this section, the superintendent shall conduct a criminal 231



records check of the applicant or person under division (B) of 232  
section 109.572 of the Revised Code. Upon completion of the 233  
criminal records check, the superintendent shall report the 234  
results of the criminal records check and any information the 235  
federal bureau of investigation provides to whichever of the 236  
following is applicable: 237

(1) If the request was submitted by an applicant for an 238  
initial license or restored license, to the licensing agency 239  
identified in the request for a criminal records check; 240

(2) If the request was submitted by a person seeking to 241  
satisfy the criteria for being a qualified pharmacy technician 242  
that are specified in section 4729.42 of the Revised Code, to the 243  
person who submitted the request and to the employer or potential 244  
employer specified in the request. 245

**Sec. 4776.04.** The results of any criminal records check 246  
conducted pursuant to a request made under this chapter and any 247  
report containing those results, including any information the 248  
federal bureau of investigation provides, are not public records 249  
for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not 250  
be made available to any person or for any purpose other than as 251  
follows: 252

(A) If the request for the criminal records check was 253  
submitted by an applicant for an initial license or restored 254  
license, as follows: 255

(1) The superintendent of the bureau of criminal 256  
identification and investigation shall make the results available 257  
to the licensing agency for use in determining, under the agency's 258  
authorizing chapter of the Revised Code, whether the applicant who 259  
is the subject of the criminal records check should be granted a 260  
license under that chapter. 261

~~(B)(2)~~ The licensing agency shall make the results available 262  
to the applicant who is the subject of the criminal records check 263  
or to the applicant's representative. 264

(B) If the request for the criminal records check was 265  
submitted by a person seeking to satisfy the criteria for being a 266  
qualified pharmacy technician that are specified in section 267  
4729.42 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of the bureau of 268  
criminal identification and investigation shall make the results 269  
available to both of the following: 270

(1) The person who submitted the request and is the subject 271  
of the criminal records check; 272

(2) The employer or potential employer specified in the 273  
request. 274

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3719.21, 4729.99, 4776.02, 275  
and 4776.04 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 276