

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2019-169

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3 REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND
4 LABOR STUDY THE ROLE OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND METHODS TO
5 REDUCE BARRIERS THAT MAY PREVENT PHARMACY TECHNICIANS FROM BEING
6 ABLE TO MAXIMALLY ASSIST PHARMACISTS IN THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY.
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8 WHEREAS, pharmacy technicians play a vital roles in community and
9 health systems by performing tasks that assist pharmacists in safely
10 performing their clinical duties; and
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12 WHEREAS, pharmacy technicians help to perform nonclinical tasks that
13 assist with the preparation of prescription medications, intravenous
14 medications, and compounded medications as well as other nonclinical tasks
15 within the pharmacy setting; and
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17 WHEREAS, a pharmacist licensed in Arkansas is responsible for
18 overseeing the activities of a pharmacy technician, including training and
19 supervising the pharmacy technician and inspecting and checking the quality
20 and accuracy of the work of the pharmacy technician; and
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22 WHEREAS, the supervising pharmacist knows and understands the abilities
23 of each of the pharmacy technicians that work under his or her supervision;
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26 WHEREAS, the supervising pharmacist should be able to deploy a pharmacy
27 technician for any purpose that would assist the supervising pharmacist in
28 the practice of pharmacy, so long as the pharmacy technician is not making
29 any clinical decision or providing any clinical information to patients; and
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31 WHEREAS, the General Assembly should study and review ways to properly
32 utilize pharmacy technicians to maximally assist pharmacists in the practice
33 of pharmacy,
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35 NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF
2 THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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4 THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study the
5 role of pharmacy technicians and methods to reduce barriers that may prevent
6 pharmacy technicians from being able to maximally assist pharmacists in the
7 practice of pharmacy.

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10 Respectfully submitted,

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