

Report From Agency

STATE OF WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING :	REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE :	ON CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 06-050
PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD :	(s. 227.19 (3), Stats.)

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

No new or revised forms are required by these rules.

III. FISCAL ESTIMATES:

The department estimates that this rule will require staff time in the Division of Professional Credentialing. The total staff salary and fringe is estimated at \$115. The department finds that this rule has no significant fiscal effect on the private sector.

IV. STATEMENT EXPLAINING NEED:

The Pharmacy Examining Board requires foreign pharmacy graduates to submit proof of completion of at least 1500 hours of supervised internship prior to advancing in the application process toward the granting of a pharmacy license. The hours must be verified by the department. Wisconsin pharmacy rules require a graduate of a foreign pharmacy school to apply for a license as a pharmacist prior to beginning the required internship. Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Education Committee (FPGEC) certification, including passage of the examination, is not currently required unless the applicant exceeds 2000 internship hours. The current foreign graduate internship rules could be improved to ensure hours are adequately tracked by interns and supervisors and filed timely and accurately with the department. The rules do not require that a supervisor be identified prior to beginning an internship, resulting in incomplete reporting and difficulty in tracking internship hours.

The two primary objectives of this proposed rule-making are to: 1) require passage of the FPGEC prior to accumulation of any internship hours; and 2) improve procedures concerning the reporting of internship hours by foreign pharmacy graduate applicants and their supervisors.

The proposed rules would require completion of the examination offered by the FPGEC and submission of a report to the department identifying the intern's supervisor prior to the start of a foreign graduate internship.

V. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing was held on June 22, 2006. There were no appearances at the public hearing nor were any written comments received.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Comment 2.b. The department's analysis notes that there are 47 foreign graduate applications currently in process. Should the rule specify how, if at all, those applicants are affected by the rule?

Response: There is no need to change the rule. Applicants will applications on file will be governed by the rule in effect when they file, so the revisions contemplated by this rule-making will not affect them; only applicants who desire to file after the effective date of the proposed amendments.

The other recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report were accepted in whole.

VII. FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

These rules will have no significant economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats.