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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 855
BOARD OF PHARMACY

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FILING CAPTION: Temporary extension of Pharmacy Technician licenses to 12/31/2020 (COVID-19)

LAST DAY AND TIME TO OFFER COMMENT TO AGENCY: 07/23/2020 4:30 PM

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon advance request. Notify the contact listed above.

DATE: 07/23/2020

TIME: 9:30 AM

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

This hearing meeting will be held via telephonic conference call. To participate, call 1-877-873-8017, participant code 139360#. Written comment may be submitted any time prior to 4:30PM on 7/23/2020 to pharmacy.rulemaking@oregon.gov.

NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

Due to COVID-19 public health emergency, testing centers have closed or have limited testing capabilities and technicians are unable to take and pass the certification exam required to apply for a Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician license.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

Executive Order No. 20-03 located at https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Documents/executive_orders/eo_20-03.pdf

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

There was a minimal fiscal impact to the agency to create and mail new printed licenses displaying updated expiration date. (Approx. \$500)

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

There are no anticipated costs associated with this rule.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

This was an emergency temporary rule in response to the COVID-19 declared public health emergency.

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

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AMEND: 855-025-0010

RULE SUMMARY: Pharmacy Technician license expiration date.

CHANGES TO RULE:

855-025-0010

Licensure as a Pharmacy Technician ¶¶

(1) The license of a Pharmacy Technician expires the second June 30 from the date of issue and is not to exceed two years, except that due to the COVID-19 declared public health emergency, Pharmacy Technician (PT) licenses set to expire June 30, 2020, will instead expire on 12/31/2020.¶¶

(2) The Pharmacy Technician license is not renewable.¶¶

(3) A time limited extension of a Pharmacy Technician license may be granted once by petition to the Board. The written completed petition must be received by the Board prior to the expiration of the PT license.¶¶

(4) An individual may reapply for a Pharmacy Technician license if the previous PT license is lapsed for a period greater than five years.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 689.205

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 689.225, ORS 689.486