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LICENSING COMMITTEE REPORT

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LICENSING COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Meeting Held June 18, 2014. **Note:** Several items from the June 18, 2014 Licensing Committee Meeting were heard during the Board of Pharmacy Meeting convened June 26, 2014.

a. **FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Development of a Policy Statement related to the Sale of Tobacco Products from Pharmacies, Pursuant to a Request from Pharmacists Planning Services, Incorporated**

Background

In February 2014, CVS announced that it would move to stop selling tobacco products from its stores in the fall. At the June meeting, the committee heard a presentation from Pharmacist Planning Services Inc. on eliminating tobacco product sales from pharmacies.

Committee Discussion and Action

The board's Executive Officer stated that the board does not have the statutory authority to restrict tobacco sales in pharmacies – such a move would require a legislative change. However, she noted that the board could create a policy statement regarding the adverse health effects of tobacco.

The Committee heard public comment in support of creating a policy. Steve Gray provided background on The California Pharmacist's Association's (CPhA) policy of supporting the restrictions of tobacco sales in any facility that houses a pharmacy and the American Pharmacist's Association' (APhA) policy which states that government should not allow a pharmacy that sells tobacco products to participate in government health networks (Medi-Cal, etc.). A representative of the California Society of Health System Pharmacists (CSHP) provided background into CSHP's policy supporting the elimination of tobacco sales from all California pharmacies and establishments that house a pharmacy.

A representative from the California Retailer's Association spoke in opposition to such a policy statement.

Committee Recommendation: Adopt a policy in support of eliminating tobacco and e-cigarette sales from California pharmacies.

b. FOR INFORMATION: Results of Continuing Education Audits of Pharmacists in California

Background

Periodically, the board reviews statistics regarding the status of continuing education (CE) audits conducted on pharmacists who state under penalty of perjury on their license renewals that they have earned 30 hours of CE as required.

Committee Discussion and Action

Ms. Herold stated approximately 20 percent of those who are audited are not able to provide proof they have completed 30 hours of CE. She also spoke of the need for Pharmacists to safely store their CE certificates for four years in case they are audited.

No action was taken on this item.

c. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Reporting of Intern Hours Earned for Interns in ACPE Accredited Schools

Attachment 1

Background

In April 2014, the board determined it should revise its current process for the reporting of intern hours for purposes of qualifying to take the CPJE. The current requirements to apply for the pharmacist examination are specified in section 4209 of the Business and Professions Code (BPC), and additional requirements for examination are found in section 1728 of Title 16 of the California Code of regulations.

At the June committee meeting, the committee considered staff recommendations to amend section 4209 BPC to specify that an intern pharmacist who has graduated from an ACPE accredited school of pharmacy (on or after 1/1/16) shall be deemed to have complied with the 1,500 hours of pharmacy practice experience upon receipt of a certified transcript from the school of pharmacy which posts the PharmD degree, as well as recommended changes to 16 CCR section 1728 to incorporate the new statutory provisions. Existing provisions will remain for foreign-educated pharmacists who possess FPGEC certification, but need 1,500 hours of intern experience to qualify to take the CPJE.

To effect these changes, the committee recommends that the board seek statutory changes to section 4209 BPC during the 2015 legislative session and to also pursue changes to the boards regulation at section 1728 of Title 16 CCR.