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Legislative Committee Minutes 3-27-2025

On Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 9am the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy Legislative Committee (“Committee”) convened for its at 1207 Quarrier St, 4th Floor, Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting was open to the public.

Board Members Present:

David Bowyer, Vice President, via video conference
JJ Bernabei, via video conference

Board Staff Present:

Matthew Morris, General Counsel
Krista Capehart, Director of Professional and Regulatory Affairs
Michael LeMasters, Chief Compliance Officer ,via conference

The Committee started by reviewing comments submitted from licensees received by March 5, 2025 at 5PM. The Committee proceeded to discuss WV CSR §15-9-1 *et seq* through WV CSR §15-20-1 *et seq* and recommend the following considerations.

Comment #1: Committee agreed that the pseudoephedrine rules in §15-11 currently match statute and further are very similar to federal code and thus are not able to be changed.

Comment #2: The Board is not considering raising fees.

Comment #3: At this time, the Board does not feel that moving inspections from annual to less frequent is in the best interest of public safety. The other comments are not germane to the review.

§15-11-1:

1. The Committee recommends reviewing statute to determine if pharmacy tech trainees could be added to rule to be permitted to sell pseudoephedrine to improve workflow in the pharmacy.

§15-12:

1. Change the CE requirement for pharmacists from 2 hours per year to 4 hours renewal cycle. This will help with administrative burden for the Board and for the licensee, while not altering the standard CE requirement.

§15-15:

1. 15-15-7.3: Permit the pharmacy to keep either a spreadsheet of pharmacist daily required break or attestation.

§15-16

1. §15-16-3.2: Change “the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE) for WV” to “a jurisprudence exam approved by the Board”
2. §15-16-7.3: Rework the wording so that it is clear that appearance before the Board may be required but is not always necessary.

§15-19

1. §15-19-3.2: Change requirements for training of the Board inspectors to “as required by the Board Training Manual.”

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