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remote dispensing pharmacies; rural hospitals

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SENATE BILL 1604

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-1934, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-1934, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-1934. Pharmacies operated in connection with hospitals;
5 requirements

6 A. A pharmacy operating in connection with a hospital shall comply
7 with all the provisions of this chapter requiring registration and
8 regulation of pharmacies and with board rules.

9 B. FOR a pharmacy operating in connection with a hospital, ~~shall~~
10 ~~also meet~~ ALL OF the following ~~requirements~~ APPLY:

11 1. In hospitals with fifty beds or more, the pharmacy shall be
12 under the continuous supervision of a pharmacist during the time it is
13 open for pharmacy services, except that the board by rule may establish
14 requirements to allow a pharmacist who is engaged in hospital business to
15 be in other areas of the hospital that are located outside the pharmacy.

16 2. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, in hospitals
17 with ~~less~~ FEWER than fifty beds, with the written approval and
18 recommendations of the board, the services of a pharmacist shall be
19 required on a part-time basis according to the needs of the hospital,
20 provided that this approval does not ~~permit the compounding,~~
21 ~~manufacturing, dispensing, labeling, packaging or processing of drugs by~~
22 ALLOW A PERSON other than a pharmacist TO COMPOUND, MANUFACTURE, DISPENSE,
23 LABEL, PACKAGE, OR PROCESS DRUGS. HOSPITALS WITH FEWER THAN FIFTY BEDS
24 THAT ARE LOCATED IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED
25 THOUSAND PERSONS WITH THE WRITTEN APPROVAL AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
26 BOARD, MAY OPERATE A REMOTE DISPENSING SITE PHARMACY UNDER THE REMOTE
27 SUPERVISION OF A PHARMACIST PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1961.01 DURING THE TIME
28 THE PHARMACY IS OPEN FOR PHARMACY SERVICES.

29 3. In the pharmacist's absence from the hospital, the supervisory
30 registered nurse may obtain from the pharmacy necessary doses of drugs
31 that are ordered by a medical practitioner and that are needed by a
32 patient in an emergency, according to procedures recommended and approved
33 by the board for each hospital.

34 4. All drugs and medications furnished from the pharmacy to
35 patients on discharge from the hospital shall be dispensed by a
36 pharmacist, and the medication shall be properly labeled.

37 5. The pharmacist in charge shall initiate procedures to provide
38 for the administrative and technical guidance in all matters pertaining to
39 ~~the~~ acquiring, stocking, ~~record keeping~~ and dispensing ~~of~~ drugs and
40 devices AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS.