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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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