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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control 680 Department of Agency: Alabama State Board of Pharmacy  
Rule No. 680-X-2-.16  
Rule Title: PRACTICAL TRAINING PROGRAMS STANDARD.

     New      XX Amend           Repeal           Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? YES

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule. NO

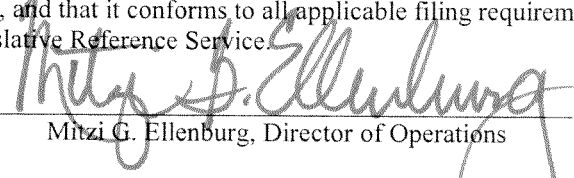
Are all facets of the rule making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer   
Mitzi G. Ellenburg, Director of Operations

Date: March 22, 2012

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**ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

**AGENCY NAME:** ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

**RULE NO. AND TITLE:** 680-X-2-.16 PRACTICAL TRAINING PROGRAMS  
STANDARDS.

**INTENDED ACTION:** AMENDMENT

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:**

The Alabama State Board of Pharmacy proposes to amend Rule 680-X-2-.16 PRACTICAL TRAINING PROGRAMS STANDARDS, to clarify extern/intern hours prior to licensure.

**TIME, PLACE, MANNER OR PRESENTING VIEW:**

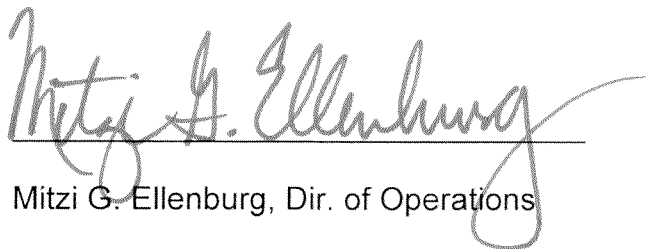
Comments can be presented at the public hearing scheduled at 7:30 a.m. on April 18, 2012 at the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy located at 111 Village Street, Hoover, Alabama 35242. Additionally, written comments may be addressed to Herb Bobo, Secretary, Alabama State Board of Pharmacy, P. O. Box 381988, Birmingham, Alabama 35238-1988. Written comments must be received in the Board Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 4, 2012.

**FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:**

June 4, 2012

**CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:**

Herb Bobo, R.Ph., Secretary  
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Mitzi G. Ellenburg, Dir. of Operations

**680-X-2-.16. PRACTICAL TRAINING PROGRAMS STANDARDS.**

(1) The practical training experience required prior to licensure shall be referred to as externship/internship.

(2) The minimum externship/internship required for licensure shall be fifteen hundred (1500) hours. This may be obtained through a college-structured program or through a non-structured program, all under the supervision of a registered preceptor. Four hundred (400) hours of the minimum total requirement may become attainable after completing the requirements of the second professional year. The four hundred (400) hours must be completed in a traditional pharmacy setting, with a Board approved preceptor, so that the emphasis is on the distribution of medicines, prescriptions and medical supplies. An extern/ intern must be employed a minimum of four (4) hours a week; however, no less than one (1) hour will be accepted for a particular day and ~~no more than forty (40) hours of externship/internship may be allowed for credit in any one calendar week.~~ Externs/Interns shall submit to the School of Pharmacy ~~he or she is attending~~ Board of Pharmacy adequate documentation demonstrating compliance with the traditional hours requirements of this section. The School of Pharmacy shall certify that the intern has completed 1100 hours of internship plus any traditional hours gained during school rotations. The Board will accept hours from preceptors approved by the School of Pharmacy for the training of their students as part of the curriculum. The applicable School of Pharmacy, ~~upon request by the Board,~~ shall furnish the referenced documentation demonstrating compliance certification to the Board upon graduation of the student.

(3) An applicant for licensure, lacking the minimum 1500 hours in the manner stated, may be admitted to the examination only if all the requirements of Section 34-23-51 are met other than the requirement of practical pharmacy training. Those applicants, so admitted, who pass the examination administered by the Board shall be required to file affidavits attesting to the prescribed practical training program prior to being issued a license to practice pharmacy.

(4) Practical training externship/internship report, along with a preceptor affidavit, must be submitted to the Board ~~for the records within ten (10) days after termination of a training period or at the end of each sixteen-week period, which ever occurs first~~ any traditional hours earned outside of the curriculum prior to the issuance of a license to practice pharmacy.

(5) Externship/Internship registration shall be limited to those persons who are actively engaged in meeting the academic or practical experience requirements for licensure examination. In order to be considered enrolled in a school of pharmacy, a person shall not be absent from school for more than two (2) consecutive semesters or three (3) consecutive quarters or be approved by the Board if outside of these parameters. Any person, working as an

extern/intern, must obtain a permit from the Board before assuming duties in a pharmacy. In order to be favorably considered for an extern/intern permit, a person must have completed two (2) academic years in pre-pharmacy and be has attended classes in the first professional year of an approved school of pharmacy.

(6) Externship/Internship may be acquired only under the supervision of a preceptor who may supervise no more than three (3) externs/interns at any one time.

(7) The term supervision shall mean that at the site where externship/internship is being obtained, the preceptor shall be in personal contact with and actually giving professional instructions to the extern/intern during the entire period of such externship/internship. At all times, a person, who is serving an externship/internship, must be under the immediate direct supervision of a registered pharmacist on the premises.

(8) All candidates for licensure, who are working either as externs or interns, outside of the school curriculum, shall report their place of employment and/or practice site to the Board of Pharmacy within ten (10) days of such employment. Any change in such employment or practice site shall be reported to the Board within ten (10) days of the change.

(9) A pharmacy extern/intern, having served part or all of his/her required time in a site outside of this state and not as part of their school curriculum, shall be given credit provided the externship/internship requirements for the other state are no less than the requirements of the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy. The affidavits must be submitted through the Board of Pharmacy of the state where the time was performed and certified as meeting the requirements by the Board of Pharmacy of that state.

(10) The pharmacy intern shall be non-impaired.

(a) The pharmacy intern is subject to random drug screen testing and/or evaluations during the duration of their internship.

(b) A positive drug screen may be self-evident as proof of improper drug use. For the purposes of this chapter, a missed screen, a screen submitted beyond the mandated period, and/or any screen submitted indicating the sample provided is diluted, substituted, or in any way adulterated is considered to be a positive drug screen. All positive screens shall be report to the Board of Pharmacy's Wellness Program.

(c) It is the responsibility of the School of Pharmacy to establish and maintain such screenings while interns are enrolled in school.

(11) The School of Pharmacy shall notify the Board within ten (10) days of a student's change of status.

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