



Advocating for the profession, advancing patient care

Registering Nonresident Pharmacies—House Bill 75

Status: Representative Rob Kauffman (R-Franklin) introduced House Bill 75, which unanimously passed the House of Representatives and Senate. House Bill 75 will soon head to the Governor's desk for his signature.



Vote Yes for this Bill because:

- Pennsylvania is the only state that does not require nonresident pharmacies to be registered. Forty-nine other states, some for many years, require some type of registration of nonresident pharmacies in their respective states. This is largely applicable to mail order pharmacies.
- The provisions of this legislation are similar to already existing requirements in many states—which have already been proven effective.
- This bill is supported by the pharmacy community and the Commonwealth. There is no opposition!
- Nonresident pharmacies would still be responsible for maintaining a valid license in their own home state and be overseen by their respective boards. They would need to be inspected, as they already are, using resources from their own state and would be required to provide a copy of their most recent inspection to the Pennsylvania State Board of Pharmacy before being issued a certificate of registration or renewal in Pennsylvania. This would eliminate any concerns over inspection expenses!
- Nonresident pharmacies would need to provide a toll-free telephone number which would allow patients and prescribers to easily reach a nonresident pharmacy with questions and concerns. With many plans using mail order options it is crucial that patients have a convenient way to follow-up when there are questions and problems.

For More Information: Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association
508 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101 717-234-6151
Don Smith, Government Relations Manager—dsmith@papharmacists.com
Pat Epple, CEO—pepple@papharmacists.com