

STATE OF ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR SPRINGFIELD 62706

JB PRITZKER GOVERNOR

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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), my office has conducted a review of the Pharmacy Practice Act (225 ILCS 85), which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2023. As a result of this review, it is recommended to the General Assembly that:

The Pharmacy Practice Act (225 ILCS 85) should be continued with the following modifications to its existing statutory and administrative rule framework.

- Amend the provision pertaining to a pharmacy technician's scope of practice.
- Add a provision requiring pharmacies to report emergency closures of greater than 72 hours to the Department.

The practice of pharmacy in the State of Illinois is declared a professional practice affecting the public health, safety and welfare and is subject to regulation and control in the public interest. It is a matter of public interest that only qualified persons be permitted to practice pharmacy in the State of Illinois.

GOMB recommends the sunset of the Act be extended and statutory language be modernized to implement more streamlined and efficient regulation of this profession. This will ensure safety and welfare of the public and ease the burden of regulatory compliance. The sunset extension of the Act is necessary to continually ensure that practitioners engage in the practice of pharmacy in a safe and competent manner.

The full report provided by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget is provided as reference.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully, JB Pritzker Governor