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The North Dakota Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (NDSHP) supports changing the statute pertaining to the Board of Pharmacy to include:

At least one registered pharmacist that practices over 51% of the time in a pharmacy that is not licensed as a Class A pharmacy be on the Board of Pharmacy at all times. Up to three names may be submitted to the Governor each year by the North Dakota Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (or it's successor organization affiliated with the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists representing the practice of health-system pharmacy) to be considered for appointment.

Nominating organizations shall select those persons whose appointments ensure that the membership of the board is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of this state.

NDSHP supports having at least five pharmacists, at least one public member, a pharmacy technician and a community pharmacist on the Board of Pharmacy at all times.

The President and Board of Directors encourages the committee to allow us to review and comment on the proposed bill should you decide to recommend these changes. We would be pleased to provide input.

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