

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

Introduced by

(At the request of the State Board of Pharmacy)

1 A BILL for an Act to enact a new section and to amend sections of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code 43-15-25.1 relative to continuing pharmaceutical education for pharmacists.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-15-25.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **43-15-25.1. Continuing pharmaceutical education.**

7 1. ~~The legislative assembly makes the following findings and declarations: Each~~  
8 pharmacist shall complete at least fifteen hours (1.5 c.e.u.) of approved continuing  
9 pharmaceutical education every year as a condition of renewal of a certificate of  
10 licensure as a pharmacist in the state of North Dakota.

11 a. ~~Because of the continuous introduction of new therapeutic and diagnostic~~  
12 ~~agents and the changing concepts in the delivery of health care services in~~  
13 ~~the practice of pharmacy, it is essential that a pharmacist undertake a~~  
14 ~~continuing education program in order to maintain professional competency~~  
15 ~~and improve professional skills.~~

16 b. ~~To assure the continued competency of the pharmacist and to maintain~~  
17 ~~uniform qualifications for licensure in the profession for the protection of the~~  
18 ~~health and welfare of its citizens, the legislative assembly of North Dakota~~  
19 ~~deems it in the public interest to adopt a continuous professional education~~  
20 ~~program.~~

21 2. ~~Commencing March 1, 1987, no~~ No. annual renewal of a license may be issued to  
22 a pharmacist until such pharmacist has satisfactorily completed an accredited  
23 program of continuing professional education, all of which may be home self-study,  
24 during the previous ~~two years~~ year to help assure the pharmacist's continued

- 1                    competence to engage in the practice of pharmacy. The board from time to time  
2                    shall determine the amount of continuing education to be required, not to exceed  
3                    ~~thirty~~ fifteen hours in each ~~biennium~~ annual period. Upon request of the board,  
4                    proof of compliance shall be furnished to the board.
- 5                    3. The board shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the stated objectives and  
6                    purposes and to enforce the provisions of this section, which shall include the  
7                    methods of determining accredited programs, methods of determining compliancy,  
8                    any fees, and such other rules consistent with this section as the board shall  
9                    determine. This section and all rules adopted hereunder shall be uniformly applied  
10                    by the board.