

PHARMACY AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 2 provides that any chemist may decline to become a member of the Pharmaceutical Society on conscientious grounds.

Clause 3 replaces the provision of the principal Act relating to the registration of chemists. Applicants will require to have a certificate of competency from the Pharmacy Board after passing the prescribed examinations and attending a prescribed course of training and education at an approved school. They will also have to serve a prescribed period as the apprentice of a practising chemist. Provision is made for the approval of schools and for the appointment of a Board of Examiners.

Applicants for registration who have already entered their apprenticeships will be permitted to complete under the replaced provisions.

Clause 4 alters the term "membership fee" to "practising fee".

Clause 5 increases, from £20 to £50, the maximum penalty which the Disciplinary Committee may impose.

Hon. Mr Mason

PHARMACY AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Pharmacy Act 1939

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,
5 as follows:

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Pharmacy Amendment Act 1959, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Pharmacy Act 1939 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 2. **Membership of Society**—(1) Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection one the following proviso:

15 “Provided that this subsection shall not apply to any chemist who notifies the Registrar in writing that he has conscientious objection to becoming or remaining a member of the Society.”

(2) Subsection three of section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word “membership”, and substituting the word “practising”.

3. Registration of Chemists—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section eleven, and substituting the following section:

“11. (1) Every adult person shall be entitled to be registered as a pharmaceutical chemist under this Act who satisfies the Board— 5

“(a) That he has obtained a certificate of competency from the Board; and

“(b) That after obtaining a certificate of competency as aforesaid he has served for such period as may be prescribed in that behalf by regulations under this Act under articles of apprenticeship approved by the Board as the apprentice of: 10

“(i) A chemist carrying on business in a pharmacy; or 15

“(ii) A chemist in charge of the dispensary of a hospital established by a Hospital Board under the Hospitals Act 1957; or

“(iii) A chemist in charge of the dispensary of a private hospital licensed under Part V of that Act and approved for the purposes of this section by regulations under this Act; or 20

“(iv) A chemist who is the enrolled manager of a pharmacy; or

“(c) That he is the holder of a recognised certificate granted out of New Zealand. 25

“(2) A certificate of competency shall not be granted unless the applicant therefor has passed such examinations and attended such course of education and training at an approved school as may be prescribed by regulations under this Act. 30

“(3) For the purposes of this section the term ‘recognised certificate’ means a certificate, diploma, degree, or licence granted by a university, college, or other authority and recognised pursuant to regulations under this Act as furnishing sufficient evidence that the holder thereof has had the requisite training and possesses the requisite knowledge and skill for the efficient practice of the profession of pharmacy. 35

“(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, but subject to the provisions of section thirty-one of this Act as to appeals, no person shall be registered under this Act if, in the opinion of the Board, he is not a fit person to be registered by reason of the fact that he is not of good character and reputation. 40

“(5) The Board may from time to time in accordance with regulations under this Act appoint any university, school, or institution carrying out and properly equipped for the training of students of pharmacy as an approved school under this section.”

“ (6) For the purposes of conducting examinations under this section, the Board shall appoint a Board of Examiners consisting of six members of whom—

“ (a) One shall be nominated by the Minister of Education:
10 “ (b) Two shall be nominated by approved schools, and of those members at least one shall be nominated by the approved school recognised by the Minister of Health as being the principal school for the training of students of pharmacy:

15 “ (c) Three shall be nominated by the Pharmacy Board.

“ (7) Regulations under this Act may prescribe the subject-matter of examinations required for qualification for registration under this section and makes such provision in respect of the approval of schools, the appointment and terms of office of members of the Board of Examiners, and the conduct of examinations as may be considered necessary in order to give effect to the provisions of this section.”

(2) Section twenty-four of the Statutes Amendment Act 1943 is hereby repealed.

25 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any person who has entered into service under articles of apprenticeship before the first day of May in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, and whose articles of apprenticeship were approved by the Board under the principal Act before
30 the thirty-first day of July in that year may qualify for registration and be registered under the principal Act in all respects as if this section had not been passed.

4. Practising fees—Section twenty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

35 (a) By omitting from subsection one the word “membership”, and substituting the word “practising”:

(b) By omitting from subsection two the word “membership”, and substituting the word “practising”.

5. Disciplinary powers—Paragraph (c) of subsection two of
40 section twenty-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “twenty pounds”, and substituting the words “fifty pounds”.