GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 1999

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT TO PERMIT CERTAIN NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS TO OPERATE MOBILE PHARMACIES AND TO ALLOW SUCH PHARMACIES TO REGISTER ANNUALLY WITH THE BOARD OF PHARMACY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-85.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

- "(12) 'Mobile pharmacy' means a pharmacy that meets all of the following conditions:
 - (1) <u>Is either self-propelled or moveable by another vehicle that is self-propelled.</u>
 - (2) <u>Is operated by a nonprofit corporation.</u>
 - (3) Dispenses prescription drugs at no charge or at a reduced charge to persons whose family income is less than two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level and who do not receive reimbursement for the cost of the dispensed prescription drugs from Medicare, Medicaid, a private insurance company, or a governmental unit."

Section 2. G.S. 90-85.21 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(a1) A mobile pharmacy shall register annually with the Board in the manner prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, and the registration shall be renewed annually. A mobile pharmacy shall be considered a single pharmacy and shall not be required to pay a separate registration fee for each location but shall pay the annual registration fee prescribed in G.S. 90-85.24. A mobile pharmacy shall provide the Board with the address of every location from which prescription drugs will be dispensed by the mobile pharmacy."

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 22nd day of June, 1999.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black Speaker of the House of Representatives s/ James B. Hunt, Jr. Governor

Approved 9:05 a.m. this 2nd day of July, 1999