



# SENATE BILL 104: Require Criminal BGC/Pharmacist Licensure.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2017-144 makes a number of technical changes to G.S. 90-85.15, which governs applications and requirements for licensure as a pharmacist, and mandates that the Board of Pharmacy require applicants for a pharmacy license to provide the Board with a criminal history report, at the applicant's expense, from a reporting service designated by the Board.*

*This act becomes effective January 1, 2018.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 90-85.15(c) allows the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide a criminal record check to the Board of Pharmacy for applicants for a pharmacy license. Currently, the Board is not required to request a background check, but if it does, it must submit a request that includes the fingerprints of the applicant and any additional information required by DPS. DPS then must send the applicant's fingerprints to the State and Federal Bureaus of Investigation for criminal history checks. The Board must keep any information pursuant to this law privileged and confidential, in accordance with applicable State law and the Board may charge each applicant a fee for conducting the criminal history check.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** S.L. 2017-144 makes a number of technical changes to G.S. 90-85.15 and mandates that the Board of Pharmacy require applicants for a pharmacy license to provide the Board with a criminal record report from a reporting system designated by the Board. Information from these reports will remain privileged and confidential in accordance with State law and federal guidelines, and applicants will be required to pay the designated reporting service for the cost of the report.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act becomes effective January 1, 2018.

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