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OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR COLLINS

TO: SCS CSHB 31(HES)

Page 2, lines 16 - 17 after "recognized by the":

Insert "board; in recognizing a college of pharmacy under this paragraph the board may accept the recognition of a college of pharmacy provided by the"

Page 2, line 31:

Delete "American Council on Pharmaceutical Education"

Insert "board"

Page 3, line 1, following "junior.":

Insert "In recognizing a college of pharmacy under this subsection, the board may accept the recognition of a college of pharmacy provided by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education."

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE BILL NO. 31

HISTORY IN THE HOUSE

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1991

1/21 Read first time and referred to:
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1/24 RLS RPT CS(RLS) New Title
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CS(RLS) Adopted

Amended

1/27 Advanced

1/27 Read third time

Return to second for specific amendment

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Intent adopted

1/27 Reconsideration by Hanley
1/29 Reconsideration not taken up

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Intent adopted

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Signed by Speaker, to the Senate

Kurt Gray
Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

FISCAL NOTE

No. 2
Bill Version: CSHB 31(RLS)
(H) Publish Date: 1/24/92
Commerce & Economic Development

Revision Date: 01/22/92 Department Affected: Commerce & Economic Development
Title: An Act relating to applicants for pharmacist licenses. BRU: Occupational Licensing
Component: Administration
Sponsor: Rep. Koponen
Requestor: House Rules COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRAVEL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CONTRACTUAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUPPLIES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MISCELLANEOUS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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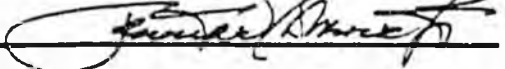
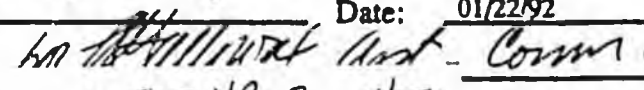
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OTHER	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PART-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TEMPORARY	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of current year impact: None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
HB 31 amends pharmacy education requirements for licensure to allow foreign pharmacy graduates an opportunity to become licensed. New funds are not required to implement this bill.

Prepared By: Jennifer Strickler  Phone: 465-2144
Division: Occupational Licensing Date: 01/22/92
Approved by Commissioner: Gleason A. Davis 
Agency: Department of Commerce & Econo Changes in 5/5/92 HB 31 YES Date: 1-22-92
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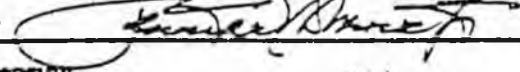
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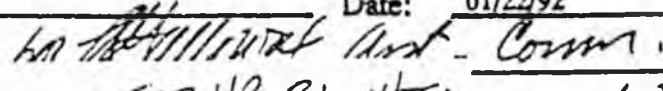
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SPONSOR STATEMENT

House Bill 31

"An Act relating to applicants for pharmacist licenses"

Foreign-educated doctors, nurses, chiropractors, physical therapists, optometrists and veterinarians may practice in Alaska, provided they successfully complete Alaskan licensing examinations and fulfill all pertinent qualifications. Standard equivalency examinations insure that credentials earned outside of the United States meet American standards of academic and clinical competence.

HB 31 extends the same opportunity to pharmacists trained at non-U.S. institutions. The state would benefit from expanding the universe of trained professionals available to serve the public. At present, Alaskans may qualify for state loans to study pharmacy at non-U.S. institutions, but they may not be licensed when they return to the state. Continued exclusion of these Alaskans from practice is inconsistent with treatment of other health professionals and extends no apparent advantage to other state residents.

Section 2 of the bill is essentially a sunset. Changes made by Section 1 allow licensure of foreign-educated pharmacists. When it takes effect in July 1994, Section 2 returns the statute's licensing requirements to the qualifications presently in place.

The greater principle of licensing competent professionals in Alaska is made clear -- and urgent -- in one specific case. A constituent of mine, educated at the Sorbonne in Paris, cannot work as a pharmacist in Alaska. She and her husband, a highly-valued member of the UAF mathematics faculty, may leave the state if she is unable to secure a professional pharmacist position in Alaska. It would be an unnecessary loss to our citizens if we lost these Alaskans to the Lower 48.

I urge your affirmative vote on HB 31.

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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 31 (RULES)

"An Act relating to applicants for pharmacist licenses;
and providing for an effective date."

Section 1. Replaces the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AAP), a service organization for U.S. pharmacy schools, with the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE), which accredits all U.S. schools of pharmacy, as the agency responsible for recognizing institutions from which Alaska-licensed pharmacists graduate. Allows Alaska licensing of graduates of non-U.S. institutions after applicants pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination, a standard test employed by a majority of other states.

Section 2. Effectively sunsets licensing of foreign-educated pharmacists; replaces Section 1 with the previous statutory language after July 1, 1994.

Section 3. Changes accreditation authority for Alaskan pregraduate intern pharmacists from AAP to ACPE.

Section 4. Repeals obsolete definition of "recognized college of pharmacy," since it is redefined in Section 1.

Section 5. Provides an effective date for the Section 2 sunset.

PHARMACIST LICENSING FACTS

The American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE, established 1932) is the national agency for accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and for approval of providers of continuing pharmaceutical education.

The ACPE presently recognizes 74 accredited professional programs in 43 states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

30 other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico allow foreign-educated pharmacists to sit for state licensing exams if they pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination administered by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC).

The FPGEC certificate is awarded only to four-year graduates with Bachelor of Science degrees scoring 550 or higher on the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

Some foreign graduates are allowed to enter accredited U.S. schools of pharmacy as advanced students. After graduation, they qualify to take state examinations.

New York and California allow some candidates to take the state examination after their credentials have been evaluated and approved by the state licensing board.

ALASKA FACTS

All pharmacists must be licensed in Alaska. Operators of pharmacy businesses must also have a license to dispense drugs and controlled substances. Applicants must be graduates of a college of pharmacy and complete at least 1,500 hours as an intern.

Application fee: \$30.00
Examination fee: \$150.00
License fee: \$180.00
Biennial renewal: \$180.00

ALASKA EMPLOYMENT

(Statistics from the Alaska Department of Labor)

Employment in 1989: 188; in 1990: 193; in 1994: 209 (predicted)

Average Annual Job Openings, 1989-1994

Due to Growth: 4; Due to Separations: 5; Total: 9

Current license holders: 489

HB31 Miscellaneous Notes

Alaska licenses the following professionals who were educated at non-U.S. institutions:

Physicians
Nurses
Optometrists
Chiropractors
Physical Therapists
Veterinarians

On 4/25/91, the chairman of the Board of Pharmacy told me (RGC) that he had five vacancies for pharmacists in his company (Carr's) alone.

This is not a one-constituent bill. One constituent brought to light the broader issue -- a statewide shortage of pharmacists, and an inability for Alaskans educated at non-U.S. institutions to work in Alaska.

FISCAL NOTE

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REVENUE FUND RESOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
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