

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 6, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator Lovell of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Establish a Special License for Retired or Inactive Pharmacists.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**32 MRSA § 2903-A is enacted to read:**

**§ 2903-A. Nonactive renewal registration**

**Every registered pharmacist not practicing pharmacy within this State shall annually, after the expiration of the first year of his registration, on or before the last day of June, 1980 and on or before the last day of June of each year thereafter, pay a renewal fee of \$10 to the secretary of the board, in return for which a nonactive renewal registration shall be issued.**

**Every registered pharmacist holding a nonactive renewal registration who desires to practice pharmacy in this State shall be required to submit proof satisfactory to the board that during the calendar year preceding his application for active registration he has participated in not less than 15 hours of approved courses of continuing professional pharmaceutical education as defined in section 2913. The board may make exceptions from the operation of the continuing education requirement of this section in emergency or hardship cases.**

**If any person shall fail or neglect to procure his annual nonactive renewal registration, notice of that failure having been mailed to his post-office address by the board, after the expiration of 30 days following the issue of notice, his original registration shall expire. That person, in order to regain registration, shall be required to pay one renewal fee in addition to the sum of all fees that person may be in arrears.**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require those pharmacists who are not in active practice in this State to obtain an annual nonactive renewal registration, and to require that, should the pharmacist wish to enter into active practice, he take the required number of hours of continuing education courses in the year preceding application for active registration.