AN ACT concerning pharmacy technicians; relating to requirements for licensure.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) A person shall not work as a pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician trainee unless the pharmacy technician or pharmacy technician trainee is registered with the board of pharmacy.

(b) To be eligible to be registered as a pharmacy technician trainee the applicant shall:

(1) Be of good moral character;
(2) be at least 18 years of age; and
(3) have a high school diploma or the equivalent of a high school diploma.

(c) To be registered as a pharmacy technician the applicant must meet the qualification in subsection (b), and:

(1) Have taken and passed a national pharmacy technician certification examination approved by the board of pharmacy and have a current certification certificate; or
(2) have an exemption from certification granted by the board by maintaining an active pharmacy technician registration with the board of pharmacy from prior to July 1, 2008.

(d) Each applicant for pharmacy technician trainee after July 1, 2015, shall meet the requirements of subsection (b) and have not previously applied and been registered as a pharmacy technician.

(e) Pharmacy technician trainee registrations will expire 12 months from the date of registration or upon issuance as a registered pharmacy technician, whichever occurs first.

(f) The board of pharmacy shall adopt rules and regulations to implement this section.

(g) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.