Amendment to SB 57

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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1 New Paragraphs; Definitions. Amend RSA 318:1 by inserting after paragraph XXXIII the following new paragraphs:

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XXXIV. "Remote processing" means accessing the pharmacy database to perform nondispensing activities other than at a licensed pharmacy. The pharmacy shall establish controls to protect the confidentiality and integrity of patient information, as required by HIPAA, and prevent any patient information from being downloaded, duplicated, or removed from the electronic database.

XXXV. "Non-dispensing activities" are activities permitted under that individual's scope of practice that do not require the physical possession of prescription drugs. Non-dispensing activities include, but are not limited to, prescription transfers, drug utilization reviews, product verification tasks, claims adjudications, refill authorizations, entering patient and prescription information into a pharmacy's electronic database, any other task permitted under that individual's scope of practice that does not require the physical possession of prescription drugs, or other activities established by rules of the board adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A.

- 2 New Section; Licensed Pharmacists, Certified New Hampshire Pharmacy Technicians, Registered New Hampshire Pharmacy Interns; Remote Processing. Amend RSA 318 by inserting after section 15-c the following new section:
- 318:15-d Remote Processing.
- I. New Hampshire licensed pharmacists, certified New Hampshire pharmacy technicians, or registered New Hampshire pharmacy interns may engage in remote processing, provided that all work requiring pharmacist supervision is supervised by a licensed pharmacist through electronic or other remote means.
- II. Notwithstanding the above, the board may allow registered technicians to perform remote processing activities after completion of a board-approved training program on remote processing.
- 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.