

## Miss. Code Ann. § 73-21-105

Current with 2023 Regular Session legislation signed by the Governor and effective upon passage through March 18, 2023. The final official version of the statutes affected by 2023 legislation will appear on Lexis Advance and Lexis+ in the fall of 2023.

[Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated](#)>[Title 73. Professions and Vocations \(Chs. 1 — 79\)](#)>[Chapter 21. Pharmacists \(§§ 73-21-1 — 73-21-205\)](#)>[Mississippi Pharmacy Practice Act \(§§ 73-21-69 — 73-21-129\)](#)

§ 73-21-105. Registration of businesses where prescription drugs or devices are dispensed, sold, repackaged, manufactured, etc.; registration of reverse distributors; establishment of criteria; procedures and fees; applications; standards for operation; reports of changes of circumstances; penalties for violations; exemption of physicians, dentists, etc., from chapter [Repealed effective July 1, 2025].

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**(1)** Every facility/business that engages in the wholesale distribution of prescription drugs, to include without limitation, manufacturing in this state, distribution into this state, or selling or offering to sell in this state, or distribution from or within this state, and every reverse distributor located in or outside of this state that conducts business with pharmacies in this state, shall register biennially or annually, to be determined by the board, with the Mississippi State Board of Pharmacy by applying for a permit on a form supplied by the board and accompanied by a fee as set by subsection (4) of this section. The Pharmacy Board shall by regulation determine the classification of permit(s) that shall be required.

**(2)** Every business/facility/pharmacy located in this state that engages in or proposes to engage in the dispensing and delivery of prescription drugs to consumers shall register with the Mississippi State Board of Pharmacy by applying for a permit on a form supplied by the board and accompanied by a fee as set by subsection (4) of this section. The Pharmacy Board shall by regulation determine the classification of permit(s) that shall be required.

**(3)** The board shall establish by rule or regulation the criteria which each business shall meet to qualify for a permit in each classification. The board shall issue a permit to any

applicant who meets the criteria as established. The board may issue various types of permits with varying restrictions to businesses where the board deems it necessary by reason of the type of activities conducted by the business requesting a permit.

**(4)** The board shall specify by rule or regulation the registration procedures to be followed, including, but not limited to, specification of forms for use in applying for such permits and times, places and fees for filing such applications. However, the biennial fee for an original or renewal permit shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

**(5)** Applications for permits shall include the following information about the proposed business:

**(a)** Ownership;

**(b)** Location;

**(c)** Identity of the responsible person or pharmacist licensed to practice in the state, who shall be the pharmacist in charge of the pharmacy, where one is required by this chapter, and such further information as the board may deem necessary.

**(6)** Permits issued by the board pursuant to this section shall not be transferable or assignable.

**(7)** The board shall specify by rule or regulation minimum standards for the responsibility in the conduct of any business/facility and/or pharmacy that has been issued a permit. The board is specifically authorized to require that the portion of the facility located in this state to which a pharmacy permit applies be operated only under the direct supervision of no less than one (1) pharmacist licensed to practice in this state, and to provide such other special requirements as deemed necessary. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent any person from owning a pharmacy.

**(8)** All businesses permitted by the board shall report to the board the occurrence of any of the following changes:

**(a)** Permanent closing;

**(b)** Change of ownership, management, location or pharmacist in charge;

**(c)** Any and all other matters and occurrences as the board may require by rule or regulation.

**(9)** Disasters, accidents and emergencies which may affect the strength, purity or labeling of drugs, medications, devices or other materials used in the diagnosis or the treatment of injury, illness and disease shall be immediately reported to the board.

**(10)** No business that is required to obtain a permit shall be operated until a permit has been issued for such business by the board. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. However, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to physicians, dentists, veterinarians, osteopaths or other practitioners of the healing arts who are licensed under the laws of the State of Mississippi and are authorized to dispense and administer prescription drugs in the course of their professional practice.

## History

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Laws, 1983, ch. 414, § 18; Laws, 1991, ch. 527, § 18; Laws, 1993, ch. 416, § 19; Laws, 1994, ch. 513, § 8; reenacted without change, Laws, 1998, ch. 511, § 19; reenacted without change, Laws, 2002, ch. 501, § 19; reenacted without change, Laws, 2006, ch. 533, § 19; Laws, 2008, ch. 512, § 3; Laws, 2010, ch. 555, § 1; reenacted without change, Laws, 2011, ch. 546, § 17; reenacted and amended, Laws, 2016, ch. 448, § 19, eff from and after July 1, 2016; reenacted without change, Laws, 2020, ch. 419, § 18, eff from and after July 1, 2020.