

# **Board of Pharmacy**

## **Final Statement of Reasons**

**Subject Matter of Proposed Regulation:** Notice of Electronic Prescription Files

**Title 16 Sections Affected:** 1717.2

### **Updated Information**

The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in this rulemaking file. The information contained therein accurately reflects the board's position regarding the repeal of the above section.

The purpose for repealing the regulation is to remove a now-outdated barrier that prevents pharmacists, in certain situations, from having full knowledge of all the prescription drugs that a patient is taking. Removing this barrier will result in better patient care while protecting patient medical record privacy because of other federal and state laws. Additionally, there is now federal and state legislation in place to better protect a consumer's medical information without compromising a consumer's safety.

### **Summary of Comments Received During the 45-Day Comment Period:**

No comments were received during the 45-day comment period.. No public comment hearing was requested in connection with this rulemaking and none was held.

### **Local Mandate:**

None

### **Business Impact:**

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. This determination was based on the absence of testimony indicating adverse economic impact regarding these rulemaking proposals at the information hearings held by the board and during the 45-day comment period.

**Specific Technologies or Equipment:**

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

**Consideration of Alternatives:**

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to the affected persons than the proposed regulation.