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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 26, 2026
Subject: Bill Brief on Senate Bill 431

SB 431 would allow a pharmacy to employ certain remote workers to engage in the practice of pharmacy and sets forth the scope and supervision required of such remote workers.

This bill would create a new section of law in the pharmacy act of the state of Kansas. Subsection (a) defines terms used in the bill, including employing pharmacy and remote worker.

Subsection (b) provides the conditions for a pharmacy to employ remote workers. Some of these conditions are maintaining pharmacy records for five years and remote worker records for two years. Each pharmacy and remote worker must ensure the remote practice area is free from interference, remote work devices are provided by the employer, properly maintained for security and can maintain the integrity of prescription and patient information.

Subsection (c) requires a pharmacy that employs remote workers to maintain a written policy and procedure manual that includes procedures for remote work, maintenance of security for remote work devices and procedures to maintain patient privacy and confidentiality. Before engaging in remote work, a pharmacy technician shall complete 240 hours of training in the pharmacy, acknowledge an understanding of the policy and procedure manual and document passing a certification exam approved by the board.

Subsection (d) specifies the prohibited activities for a pharmacist in remote practice, including handling or possessing drugs, packaging, and compounding or dispensing.

Subsection (e) sets forth the permitted activities for a pharmacist intern or technician engaged in the remote practice of pharmacy.

Subsection (f) sets forth the permitted activities for a pharmacist intern or technician engaged in the remote practice of pharmacy who is supervised.

Subsection (g) prohibits a pharmacist practicing remotely from supervising any pharmacist intern or technician located in the pharmacy.

Subsection (h) specifies that this section does not apply to hospital pharmacies or their personnel.

The bill would take effect upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2026.

