A BILL FOR AN ACT

Concerning an increase in the number of pharmacy technicians a pharmacist may supervise.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

Currently, a pharmacist may supervise no more than 3 pharmacy technicians. The bill removes this limitation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:
SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-42.5-119, amend (1) as follows:

12-42.5-119. Limited authority to delegate activities constituting practice of pharmacy to pharmacy interns or pharmacy technicians. (1) A pharmacist may supervise up to three persons who are either pharmacy interns or pharmacy technicians, of whom no more than two may be pharmacy interns. If three OR MORE pharmacy technicians are on duty, at least one must be certified by a nationally recognized certification board, possess a degree from an accredited pharmacy technician training program, or have completed five hundred hours of experiential training in duties described in section 12-42.5-102 (31)(b) at the pharmacy as certified by the pharmacist manager.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.