

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, and filed with the agency secretary on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama State Board of Pharmacy

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend

**RULE NO.:** 680-X-2-.35

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **(2)**

**RULE TITLE:** Licensing Fees for Pharmacies

**ACTION TAKEN:** State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

**Adopted with changes.** The Board received 15 comments opposing the amendment. Commenters cited financial pressures on pharmacists and independent pharmacies and requested greater transparency, cost controls, and demonstration of need before any fee increases. The Board appreciates the comments received and has carefully reviewed and considered them. After consideration of the public comments received, the Board has determined to proceed with certification of proposed amendments to Rule 680-X-2-.35, while reducing the proposed fee for biennial renewal of a pharmacy permit from \$200 to \$150, and reducing the proposed fee for biennial renewal of a pharmacy services permit from \$200 to remain at its original, unchanged amount of \$100.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XLIV, ISSUE NO. 3, AAM,  
DATED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025.

**STATUTORY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 34-23-30

**REC'D & FILED**  
**APR 17, 2026**  
**LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY**

(Date Filed)  
(For LRS Use Only)

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Certifying Officer or his or her  
Deputy

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

**Licensing Fees for Pharmacies.**

(1) The application fee for a new pharmacy permit for a resident pharmacy or a resident pharmacy services permit shall be \$250.00. The application fee for a new pharmacy permit for a non-resident pharmacy or for a non-resident pharmacy services permit shall be \$1,000.00.

(2) The fee for biennial renewal of a pharmacy ~~or~~ permit shall be \$150.00. The fee for biennial renewal of a pharmacy services permit shall be ~~\$200.00~~ \$100.00. The fee for biennial renewal of a non-resident pharmacy permit or pharmacy services permit shall be \$600.00.

(3) The fee for transfer of ownership of a pharmacy permit shall be \$350.00.

(4) All fees required above shall not be refundable.

(5) Penalties for late renewal of a pharmacy permit or pharmacy services permit shall be governed by the provisions of the Alabama Pharmacy Practice Act.

**Author:** Alabama State Board of Pharmacy

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §34-23-30

**History: New Rule:** Filed March 17, 2006; effective April 21, 2006. **New Rule:** Filed September 5, 2018; effective October 20, 2018. **Amended:** Published August 31, 2021; effective October 15, 2021. **Amended:** Published ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ April 30, 2026; effective ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ June 14, 2026.

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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
(Section 41-22-5.1)**

Control No: 680

Department or Agency: Alabama State Board of Pharmacy

Rule No: 680-X-2-.35

Rule Title: Licensing Fees for Pharmacies

Intended Action: Amend

Attached is a Business Economic Impact Statement filed pursuant to Section 41-22-5.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

Signature of certifying officer *Jon M Linna*  
Jon Linna

Date Friday, April 17, 2026

(DATE FILED)  
(STAMP)

## BUSINESS IMPACT ANALYSIS

Pursuant to Ala. Code § 41-22-5.1

Prepared and Submitted to the Legislative Council by the Alabama Board of Pharmacy in Connection with Amendments to Ala. Admin. Code r. 680-X-2-.35.

**I. “[T]he agency shall prepare and submit to the committee the information provided by the affected business”**

Please see attached written comments submitted during the notice period.

**II. “[An] estimate [of] the number of businesses subject to the agency’s proposal”**

The current number of active pharmacy licenses covered by Ala. Admin. Code r. 680-X-2-.35 is 2,226, consisting of 1,429 in-state pharmacies (excluding retail medical oxygen suppliers), 761 nonresident (*i.e.*, out-of-state) pharmacies, 6 in-state pharmacy services permits, and 30 non-resident pharmacy services permits. The Board also receives approximately 123 pharmacy-transfer-of-ownership reports per year, based on a four-year average from 2022-2025. Assuming that all current license holders will renew their licenses in the next applicable renewal cycle, and assuming a customary number of pharmacy-transfer-of-ownership reports, the number of businesses subject to the proposal is estimated to be 2,349.

**III. “[T]he projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposal.”**


The proposed rule amendment would not impose any new reporting, recordkeeping, or other legal requirements upon regulated businesses, but would increase initial and biennial license renewal fees as reflected in the following table:



	<b>Increase in One-Time Initial Licensure Fee</b>	<b>Increase in Biennial License Renewal Fee</b>
<b>In-State Pharmacies (other than retail medical oxygen suppliers)</b>	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Non-Resident Pharmacies</b>	\$250.00	\$200.00
<b>Pharmacy Services Permits (in-state)</b>	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Pharmacy Services Permits (non-resident)</b>	\$250.00	\$200.00

In addition, the proposed amendment increases the applicable fee for transfer of ownership of a pharmacy permit by \$100.00. This increased fee would apply to any of the above permit types when the permit holder reports a change of ownership to the Board as required by Ala. Code § 34-23-30(b)(3). The increased fee remains below the statutory maximum prescribed by Ala. Code § 34-23-30(c)(3).

The Board has prepared this business impact analysis using information available to the agency in the normal course of business and utilizing the expertise and experience of existing agency employees.




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Jon Linna, RPh  
 Executive Secretary  
 Alabama Board of Pharmacy