

**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-.34

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

RULE TITLE: Fees For Applicants For Pharmacist License And Biennial License Renewal

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

Adopted without 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 review of the length of time that the existing fees have been in place unchanged, and anticipated changes in revenues from fines and penalties, the Board has determined to proceed with certification of the proposed amendment to Rule 680-X-2-.34.

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

STATUTORY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 34-23-52

REC'D & FILED

APR 17, 2026

LEGISLATIVE SVC AGENCY

(Date Filed)
(For LRS Use Only)

Jon M Linna
Jon Linna

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.)

**Fees For Applicants For Pharmacist License And
Biennial License Renewal.**

- (1) The fee for licensure examination shall be \$300.00.
- (2) The fee for initial registration for licensure shall be \$125.00.
- (3) The fee for biennial renewal of a pharmacist license will be \$125.00. Upon verification of fifty (50) years of licensure in this state the renewal fee shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (4) All fees required above shall not be refundable.

(5) Penalties for late renewal of a pharmacist license shall be governed by the provisions of the Alabama Pharmacy Practice Act.

Author: Alabama State Board of Pharmacy

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-23-52.

History: New Rule: Filed March 17, 2006; effective April 21, 2006. **Amended:** Filed July 23, 2013; effective August 27, 2013.

Amended: Published December 31, 2024; effective February 14, 2025. **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-.34

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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-.34.

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 pharmacist licenses issued by the Board is 10,930. Assuming that all current license holders will renew their licenses in the next applicable renewal cycle, and assuming further that licensed pharmacists are “businesses,” the number of businesses subject to the proposal is no greater than 10,930.

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 licensure fees and biennial license renewal fees by \$25.00. Applicants for initial licensure will experience a one-time increase of \$25.00 at the time of initial licensure. Existing license holders will experience an effective increase of \$12.50 per year.

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.



Jon Linna, RPh
Executive Secretary
Alabama Board of Pharmacy