

Agency Purpose

M.S. chapters 151 and 152 provide the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy the authority to act as the licensure agency for pharmacists and establishments involved in the legitimate distribution of prescription drugs in Minnesota.

Over the past several biennia, the Board of Pharmacy has had two budget activities: The operating activity of the board and the Administrative Services Unit (ASU). In addition to its statutory responsibilities to regulate the practice of pharmacy, the Board of Pharmacy was selected by the other health related licensing boards to be the designated fiscal agent for the ASU. Because of the pending retirement of the Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, the budget for the ASU is being transferred to the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.

The mission of the board is:

- ◆ to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by fostering the provision of quality pharmaceutical care to the citizens of Minnesota through the regulation of the practice of pharmacy, the inspection of licensed pharmacies, wholesalers, and manufacturers, and the distribution of prescription drugs in the public interest; and
- ◆ to have all prescription drugs provided to the public in a safe and effective manner by qualified licensees.

Core Functions

- ⇒ Setting educational and examination standards for initial and continuing licensure and administering clinical portions of the examinations.
- ⇒ Conducting unannounced inspections of all pharmacies, drug wholesale houses, drug manufacturers, medical gas distributors, and controlled substance researchers in Minnesota.
- ⇒ Responding to public and agency inquiries, complaints, and reports regarding licensure and conduct of applicants, registrants, and licensees.
- ⇒ Setting standards of practice and conduct for licensees and pursuing educational or disciplinary action with licensees to ensure those standards are met.
- ⇒ Providing information and education about licensure requirements, standards of practice, and Minnesota drug law to the public and to other interested audiences.

Operations

The board's operations affect both the public and the board's licensees. The public is affected through the board's response to inquiries and complaints, and through the assurance of reasonable competence on the part of pharmacy practitioners. The board's licensees are affected through the provision of information and education about standards of practice and licensure requirements and through the board's inspection visits to each facility involved in legitimate drug distribution and located in the state of Minnesota.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenses for FY 2004-05 biennium are estimated to be \$2.295 million. The board staff includes 10 full-time equivalent employees.

Of the total budget for the FY 2004-05 biennium, an estimated \$2.652 million will be collected as non-dedicated revenue and deposited into the state government special revenue fund. The board collects fees charged to applicants, licensees and professional corporations. The board is responsible to collect enough revenue to recover all direct and indirect costs.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2004-05:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$2.295 million

Total Estimated Revenues: \$2.652 million

Staff: 10 Full-time equivalent employees

Minnesota Board of Pharmacy Statistics
(As of June 30, 2004)

Total Licensed: 17,778

The board is responsible for the costs of services received from the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, and the Administrative Services Unit. A direct appropriation is given to each of these programs from the state government special revenue fund. The board must ensure that sufficient revenue is collected through its fees to fund their portion of these programs costs.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2006-07
	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	1,386	1,386	1,386	1,386	2,772
Forecast Base	1,386	1,386	1,027	1,027	2,054
Change		0	(359)	(359)	(718)
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					-25.9%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	1,368	1,471	1,027	1,027	2,054
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	6	23	17	17	34
Statutory Appropriations					
Special Revenue	65	209	0	0	0
Total	1,439	1,703	1,044	1,044	2,088
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	1,166	1,214	823	821	1,644
Other Operating Expenses	273	489	221	223	444
Total	1,439	1,703	1,044	1,044	2,088
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Pharmacy, Board Of	1,439	1,703	1,044	1,044	2,088
Total	1,439	1,703	1,044	1,044	2,088
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	17.3	17.1	9.9	9.5	