

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 17, 2026

Introduced by Sen. C. RYAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to prohibiting the ownership, operation or control of pharmacies by pharmacy benefit managers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 6808 of the education law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3 3. Prohibitions. a. No person, firm, corporation or association shall
4 both directly or indirectly own, operate, control, or direct the opera-
5 tion of the whole or any part of a pharmacy and directly or indirectly
6 own, operate or control the whole or any part of a pharmacy benefit
7 manager.

8 b. No later than three years after this subdivision shall have become
9 a law, any person, firm, corporation or association in violation of
10 paragraph a of this subdivision shall divest from the ownership, opera-
11 tion or control of such pharmacy.

12 c. "Pharmacy benefit manager" shall have the same meaning as defined
13 by section two hundred eighty-a of the public health law.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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