

BOARD POLICY CONCERNING BAD CHECKS ACCOMPANYING TECHNICIAN REGISTRATIONS/RENEWALS

By law, the pharmacist-manager is responsible for ensuring that all pharmacy personnel employed at the pharmacy are properly licensed or registered. This includes, obviously, ensuring that all pharmacy technicians are currently registered with the Board.

Each year, the Board of Pharmacy receives a number of pharmacy technician applications or renewals accompanied by a bad check. Efforts to collect payment on such checks have proved difficult at best.

When a technician registration/renewal check is returned to the Board for insufficient funds, Board staff issues a first notice demanding payment to the technician. If the first notice is not successful, Board staff issues a second notice, this time to the pharmacist-manager at the employing pharmacy.

Going forward, if the second notice does not result in appropriate payment being rendered to the Board, Board staff will notice the pharmacy permit, pharmacist-manager, and technician for disciplinary action. A technician that has not paid his/her registration or renewal fee is not a properly registered technician. Employing such technicians therefore violates North Carolina law.

Board staff will also begin posting on the Board's website the names and registration numbers of any technician who has submitted a bad check. Pharmacist-managers are **strongly** encouraged to monitor this list periodically to ensure that any technicians they employ do not appear.