RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; AMENDING A PROVISION OF THE PHARMACY ACT TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST NON-PHARMACISTS' USE OF THE WORDS "APOTHECARY", "APOTHECARY SHOP" AND OTHER WORDS OF SIMILAR IMPORT AND PHARMACY-RELATED INSIGNIAS OR DEVICES ON SIGNS OR ADVERTISEMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-11-21 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969, Chapter 29, Section 20, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-11-21. LICENSING OF PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACIES
REQUIRED.--

A. Unless a person is a pharmacist or is exempted under the Pharmacy Act, no person shall sell at retail any dangerous drug, compound any prescription or acquire and possess any dangerous drug without its being prescribed.

B. No person shall conduct or operate a place used for the retail sale, compounding or dispensing of drugs or prescriptions or a place represented by a sign or by advertisement to have a business name or specialization that includes the words "pharmacist", "pharmacy", "chemist's shop", "drug store", "drugs", "druggist", "drug sundries", "prescriptions" or a combination of these that might indicate to the public that the place is a pharmacy unless the place is licensed by the board under the Pharmacy Act.

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C. No person shall permit anyone in the person's
employ or under the person's supervision, except a
pharmacist, pharmacist intern or pharmacy technician, to
compound, dispense, label or otherwise prepare prescriptions.

D. The provisions of Subsections A, B and C of
this section shall not apply to a person possessing a license
issued pursuant to Subsection B of Section 61-11-14 NMSA 1978
for the sale or distribution of veterinary drugs bearing the
legend: "caution: federal law restricts this drug to use
by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian"; provided that
the possessors of such a license may only sell or distribute
such drugs on the order of a licensed veterinarian and may not
represent their place of business by a sign or advertisement
that includes the words "pharmacist", "pharmacy", "chemist's
shop", "drug store", "drugs", "druggist", "drug sundries",
"prescriptions" or a combination of these that might indicate
to the public that the place is a pharmacy."

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