

RESOLUTION 22.4 TPA House of Delegates

Rest Periods for Pharmacists

WHEREAS, pharmacists frequently work eight to twelve hour shifts with no mandatory rest breaks; and,

WHEREAS, pharmacists could have impaired judgment from lack of mental rest, lack of adequate hydration and nutrition and therefore could cause patient harm from performing pharmacist duties under duress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association strongly supports all employers to grant pharmacists working six hours or more a 30-minute uninterrupted break; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association collaborate with the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy to explore implementing mandatory rest breaks to protect patient health and safety as well as decrease pharmacist burnout.

