

## RESOLUTION 22.5 TPA House of Delegates

### Safety Limits

**WHEREAS**, The Practice of Retail Pharmacy has increasingly become unsafe due to high volumes of prescriptions per Pharmacist as well as the demands of vaccinations and clinical testing; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are significant delays in patient care as well as increased prescription errors due to lack of staffing with an increase in services; and,

**WHEREAS**, this creates a significant risk to the health and safety of Tennessean patients; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Pharmacy may only fill 20 prescriptions per hour per Pharmacist manually. A Pharmacy may only fill 40 prescriptions per hour per Pharmacist using robotic counters (ie ScriptPro, Parata), optical counters that require more manual manipulation such as Kirby Lester or Eyecon are excluded. Using Central Fill or outside services do not count towards this requirement and may be used to increase the number of prescriptions filled per Pharmacy; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a Pharmacy may only do 3 immunizations and 2 laboratory tests (ie COVID, flu, strep) per hour. Immunizations and laboratory tests will be included as part of the prescription count per hour. If a Pharmacy utilizes a dedicated employee that is performing no other Pharmacy services then the ratio changes to 6 immunizations per hour and 3 laboratory tests per hour; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee Pharmacists Association works with the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy to ensure these limits will be imposed to ensure the health and safety of our citizens with this measure.

