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House Natural Resources

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Use of “apothecary” and other pharmacy-related terms

- Eliminates the existing prohibition against the term “apothecary” being used in a sign or advertisement by entities other than pharmacies and pharmacists.
- Specifies that any term equivalent to a term currently reserved for use by only a pharmacy or pharmacist cannot be used by any other entity if the term would lead or tend to lead the public to believe that a place or person is a pharmacy or pharmacist, respectively.
- Adds the culpable mental state of “knowingly” to the existing offense of a non-pharmacist or pharmacy displaying a sign or advertisement that uses a term reserved for use by only a pharmacy or pharmacist and extends the same “knowingly” standard to the new offense of the unauthorized use of other terms related to pharmacies and pharmacists.