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Increasing the license costs for Pharmacy Technicians would exacerbate the current shortage of professionals in the field. At present, many areas are already struggling with an insufficient number of qualified technicians to meet the demands of healthcare systems. By imposing higher financial barriers to obtaining and maintaining a license, the cost increase will deter prospective candidates from entering the profession, particularly those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Additionally, it may force current technicians to leave the profession or delay their renewal, further aggravating the shortage and putting additional strain on existing staff, ultimately undermining the quality of patient care and access to essential pharmaceutical services.