Senator Robert "Bobby" Harshbarger, III, PharmD, FACA
Licensed Pharmacist - Former State Pharmacy Regulator - Public-Health Policymaker
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Professional Profile

Licensed pharmacist and former state pharmacy regulator with over fifteen years of experience in pharmacy operations, sterile and non-sterile compounding, regulatory compliance, and healthcare policy. Currently serving as a Tennessee State Senator with leadership responsibilities in health and regulatory oversight. Brings a public-interest, non-industry-owned perspective to pharmacy compounding policy, with a demonstrated commitment to patient safety, regulatory clarity, and evidence-based decision-making.

Public Service & Regulatory Experience

Tennessee State Senator — District 4 (Hawkins & Sullivan Counties)

2025 – Present

- Second Vice Chair, Senate Health and Welfare Committee
- Member, Senate Judiciary Committee
- Member, Senate Energy, Agriculture & Conservation Committee
- Engage in legislative oversight of healthcare regulation, professional licensure, and patient-safety frameworks.
- Work collaboratively with regulators, clinicians, and stakeholders to evaluate statutory and regulatory impacts on healthcare access and quality.
- Experience interpreting and applying complex regulatory frameworks in a public-interest setting.

Tennessee Board of Pharmacy — Governor Appointee

2023 – 2025

- Appointed by Governor Bill Lee to serve as a voting member of the state pharmacy regulatory authority.
- Participated in licensure decisions, rulemaking, disciplinary actions, and policy discussions affecting pharmacy practice and compounding standards.
- Evaluated compliance with USP <795>, <797>, and <800> standards.
- Contributed regulatory insight on patient safety, quality assurance, and enforcement consistency.
- No financial ownership or equity interest in pharmacies or pharmaceutical manufacturers during service.

Professional Pharmacy Experience

Premier Pharmacy Inc. — Pharmacist

2011 – Present

- Oversee pharmacy operations including:
  - Sterile and non-sterile compounding
  - USP <795>, <797>, and <800> compliance
  - Policy development and workflow design
  - Quality assurance and staff training
  - Regulatory inspections and corrective actions

- Provide clinical and compounding support to physician practices across:
    - Oncology
    - Endocrinology
    - Pain Management
    - Wound care
    - Men's and Women's Health
    - Dermatology
- Interface regularly with regulators and accreditation bodies to ensure adherence to evolving compounding standards.
- No ownership interest in pharmacy entities or pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Education

Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
Mercer University College of Pharmacy — Atlanta, GA (2011)

Bachelor of Science — Double Major: Biology & Chemistry
East Tennessee State University — Johnson City, TN (2007)

Licensure & Certifications

Registered Pharmacist (Active, In Good Standing)

- Tennessee
- Kentucky
- Virginia
- Louisiana
- Maryland

Compounding & Professional Certifications

- ASHP — Sterile Compounding Certificate (2023)
- NABP — Compounding Pharmacy Accreditation (2023)
- PCCA — Hormone Replacement Specialist (2018)
- URAC / ACHC — Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation (2015–2016)

Professional Affiliations

- American College of Apothecaries
    - Pharmacist Full Fellow (FACA), 2015–Present
    - Board of Directors, 2020–2022
- Tennessee Pharmacists Association — Member
- International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists / Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding — Member
- Appalachian College of Pharmacy — Clinical Affiliate, Department of Pharmacy Practice

Ethics & Conflict-of-Interest Statement

- No ownership interest in any pharmacy, pharmaceutical manufacturer, or PBM.
- No employment or consulting relationship with FDA-regulated manufacturers.
- Public service roles are conducted in compliance with state and federal ethics requirements.