CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 467(HES) am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Amended: 4/24/06
Offered: 4/12/06

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KELLY, Anderson, Seaton

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to the administration of prescribed remedies and dietary supplements by a nurse."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 08.68 is amended by adding a new section to article 6 to read:

Sec. 08.68.396. Administration of prescribed remedies and dietary supplements. (a) A registered nurse licensed under this chapter may, but shall not be required to, administer a prescribed remedy or dietary supplement to a patient who is a resident of a nursing facility, an assisted living home, or an Alaska Pioneers' Home. The board shall adopt regulations that include safeguards that prevent the administration of a prescribed remedy or dietary supplement if the prescription is for an amount of the remedy or supplement that is outside of the manufacturer's recommended dosage for a patient of the same physical condition.

(b) In this section,

(1) "assisted living home" has the meaning given in AS 47.33.990;
(2) "nursing facility" has the meaning given in AS 18.20.390;
(3) "prescribed remedy or dietary supplement" includes over-the-counter, herbal, and vitamin remedies prescribed by a person authorized under this title to prescribe the remedy or supplement.