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Sectional Analysis for HB 275 (27-LS1188\M)

Retiree Benefits: Colorectal/Drug

Section 1: Amends AS 39.30.090(a) by adding a paragraph (13) requiring that medical care insurance coverage obtained by the state for municipal and state employees and officers who retire under the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska, the Judicial Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System, or the former Elected Public Officers Retirement System must include coverage of colorectal screening that is the same as colorectal screening coverage under AS 21.42.377.

Section 1: Amends AS 39.30.090(a) by adding a paragraph (14) requiring that a policy of group insurance providing coverage of prescription drugs under the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska, the Judicial Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System, or the former Elected Public Officers Retirement System.

(A) allows a person to choose, in writing, between a generic drug product and a brand name drug product, if both are available

(B) may not pay the difference between the cost of a brand-name and a generic unless

- (i) the person prescribing the drug product states, in writing, that a generic may not be dispensed; or
- (ii) the pharmacist states, in writing, a generic is not available or that dispensing a generic would be unlawful.

Section 2: Amends AS 39.30.090(b) to define a "generic drug product" as meaning the same as "equivalent drug product" in AS 08.80.480.