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## **REPRESENTATIVE WES KELLER DISTRICT 7**

### **MEMO**

To: Members of the Alaska Legislature

Fm: Rep. Wes Keller

Date: January 30, 2013

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Re: Sectional for CS HB 53 (28-LS0177\C)

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Section 1: Adds language to discipline for Dentists who fail to check the controlled substance prescription database prior to prescribing an opiate.

Section 2: Adds a new section to AS 08.36.that requires a licensed dentist who Prescribes 120 milligrams morphine equivalent or more per day of an opiate to a patient for more than four weeks to consult with a pain management specialist. The section describes the ways to satisfy the consultation requirement and exemptions to the consultation requirement.

Section 3: references AS 11.71.900 for the definition of an opiate.

Section 4: The section requires the State Medical Board to adopt regulations to approve a physician, osteopath, podiatrist, or physician's assistant as a pain management specialist.

Section 5: Adds to the list of sanction violations for Board Consideration failure to check the controlled substance prescription database prior to prescribing an opiate.

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Section 6: Adds a new section to AS 08.64. This section requires a physician, osteopath, podiatrist, or physician's assistant who prescribes 120 milligrams morphine equivalent or more per day of an opiate to a patient for more than four weeks to consult with a pain management specialist. The section describes the ways to satisfy the consultation requirement and exemptions to the consultation requirement.

Section 7: references AS 11.71.900 for the definition of an opiate.

Section 8: The section requires the Board of Nursing to adopt regulations to approve an advanced nurse practitioner as a pain management specialist.

Section 9: Adds to the list of sanction violations for board consideration failure to check the controlled substance prescription database prior to prescribing an opiate.

Section 10: Adds a new section to AS 08.68. This section requires an advanced nurse Practitioner who prescribes 120 milligrams morphine equivalent or more per day of an opiate to a patient for more than four weeks to consult with a pain management specialist. The section describes the ways to satisfy the consultation requirement and exemptions to the consultation requirement.

Section 11: references AS 11.71.900 for the definition of an opiate.

Section 12: Adds to the list of sanction violations for board consideration failure to check the controlled substance prescription database prior to prescribing an opiate.

Section 13: Requires pharmacist to submit and check the substance prescription databases before filling a prescription for an opiate. Failure can result in Board action.

Section 14: Provides liability protection for individuals submitting to and those accessing information in the database.

Section 15: Requires the dispenser or Practitioners to access the database before administering an opiate.

Section 16: Requires Practitioners working in the drug rehabilitative service that uses methadone to consult with the patient primary care physician. Additionally it requires certain test take place if doses of methadone are increased.

Section 17: Is a section 4 and 8 effective date clause

Section 18: Is the effective date clause which allows six months to put the programs in place.

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