

SENATE BILL NO. 71

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR GIESSEL BY REQUEST

Introduced: 3/11/15

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the practice of pharmacy; and relating to the administration of**
2 **vaccines and related emergency medications."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 08.80.030(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) In order to fulfill its responsibilities, the board has the powers necessary
6 for implementation and enforcement of this chapter, including the power to

7 (1) elect a president and secretary from its membership and adopt rules
8 for the conduct of its business;

9 (2) license by examination or by license transfer the applicants who are
10 qualified to engage in the practice of pharmacy;

11 (3) assist the department in inspections and investigations for
12 violations of this chapter, or of any other state or federal statute relating to the practice
13 of pharmacy;

14 (4) adopt regulations to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

1 (5) establish and enforce compliance with professional standards and
2 rules of conduct for pharmacists engaged in the practice of pharmacy;

3 (6) determine standards for recognition and approval of degree
4 programs of schools and colleges of pharmacy whose graduates shall be eligible for
5 licensure in this state, including the specification and enforcement of requirements for
6 practical training, including internships;

7 (7) establish for pharmacists and pharmacies minimum specifications
8 for the physical facilities, technical equipment, personnel, and procedures for the
9 storage, compounding, and dispensing of drugs or related devices, and for the
10 monitoring of drug therapy;

11 (8) enforce the provisions of this chapter relating to the conduct or
12 competence of pharmacists practicing in the state, and the suspension, revocation, or
13 restriction of licenses to engage in the practice of pharmacy;

14 (9) license and regulate the training, qualifications, and employment of
15 pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians;

16 (10) issue licenses to persons engaged in the manufacture and
17 distribution of drugs and related devices;

18 (11) establish and maintain a controlled substance prescription
19 database as provided in AS 17.30.200;

20 **(12) establish standards for the independent administration by a**
21 **pharmacist of vaccines and related emergency medications under AS 08.80.168,**
22 **including the completion of an immunization training program approved by the**
23 **board.**

24 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.80 is amended by adding a new section to read:

25 **Sec. 08.80.168. Administration of vaccines and related emergency**
26 **medications.** (a) A pharmacist may independently administer a vaccine and related
27 emergency medication if the pharmacist has completed an immunization training
28 program approved by the board and otherwise complies with the standards established
29 by the board under AS 08.80.030(b).

30 (b) In this section, "related emergency medication" includes an epinephrine
31 injection or other medication for the treatment of a severe allergic reaction to a

1 vaccine.

2 * **Sec. 3.** AS 08.80.480(27) is amended to read:

3 (27) "practice of pharmacy" means the interpretation, evaluation, and
4 dispensing of prescription drug orders in the patient's best interest; participation in
5 drug and device selection, drug administration, drug regimen reviews, and drug or
6 drug-related research; provision of patient counseling and the provision of those acts
7 or services necessary to provide pharmaceutical care; **the administration of vaccines**
8 **and related emergency medication;** and the responsibility for [:] compounding and
9 labeling of drugs and devices except labeling by a manufacturer, repackager, or
10 distributor of nonprescription drugs and commercially packaged legend drugs and
11 devices; proper and safe storage of drugs and devices; and maintenance of proper
12 records for them;