

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

## SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Senator Anna MacKinnon, Co-Chair  
State Capitol, Room 516  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182  
Phone: (907) 465-3777  
Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov



Senator Lyman Hoffman, Co-Chair  
State Capitol, Room 518  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182  
Phone: (907) 465-4453  
Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov

### Summary of Changes HB 159 U.A to Senate CS for CS for HB 159 (FIN) N

**Page 2, lines 2-3 and lines 10-11:** Conforming language to Section 28 relating to the four-day supply limit for an initial opioid prescription for the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

**Page 7, line 9:** Amends the definition of opioid to include Schedule IIIA controlled substances (11.71.160).

**Page 15, line 20:** Conforming change for the inclusion of Schedule IIIA controlled substances (11.71.160) to the definition of opioid.

**Page 19, line 28:** Conforming change for the inclusion of Schedule IIIA controlled substances (11.71.160) to the definition of opioid.

**Page 22, line 2-10:** Amends statute for the Board of Optometry removing the hour requirement for the board's education in prescription of pharmaceutical agents and injection of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents which will be handled through regulation.

**Page 23, lines 13-14:** Amends the Board of Examiners in Optometry – Grounds for imposition of disciplinary sanctions (08.72.240) stating that the Board may impose disciplinary sanctions when the board finds after a hearing that the licensee (10) prescribed or dispensed an opioid in excess of the maximum dosage authorized under Maximum dosage for opioid prescriptions (Sec. 28).

**Page 23, line 18 – Page 24, line 12:** Section 28 – Amends the Board of Examiners in Optometry

- (1) A licensee may not issue an initial prescription for an opioid that exceeds a four-day supply to an adult
- (2) For a prescription that exceeds a four day supply to a minor, requires the licensee to discuss with the parent or legal guardian why the prescription is necessary and the risks associated with opioid use
- (b) Allows the Optometrist to exceed the four-day supply if the Optometrist determines it is necessary
  - (1) Requires the Optometrist to document the patient's medical condition or chronic pain triggering the need for the opioid in excess of four-days
  - (2) Allows the Optometrist to take into consideration logistical or travel barriers when writing an opioid prescription.

**Page 27, lines 20-21:** Amends the Board of Veterinary Examiners – Grounds for imposition of disciplinary sanctions (08.98.235) stating that the Board may impose disciplinary sanctions when the board finds after a hearing that the person (9) prescribed or dispensed an opioid in excess of the maximum dosage authorized under Maximum dosage for opioid prescriptions (Sec. 33).

**Page 27, line 24 – Page 28 line 13:** Section 33 – Amends the Board of Veterinary Examiners

- (a) A veterinarian may not issue an initial prescription for an opioid that exceeds a seven-day supply to the owner of an animal for outpatient use
- (b) Allows the veterinarian to exceed the seven-day supply if the veterinarian determines it is necessary
  - (1) Requires the veterinarian to document the animals condition or chronic pain triggering the need for the opioid in excess of seven-days
  - (2) Allows the veterinarian to take into consideration logistical or travel barriers when writing a prescription.

**Page 28, lines 16-17:** Amends statute to add advance practice registered nurse and optometrist to the definition of practitioner.

**Page 30, line 22:** Conforming change for the inclusion of Schedule IIIA controlled substances (11.71.160) to the definition of opioid.

**Page 35, line 13:** Conforming change for the inclusion of Schedule IIIA controlled substances (11.71.160) to the definition of opioid.

**Page 38 lines 1-5:** Section 49 – Conditional effect

The intent is that Optometrists would continue to have a four-day prescribing limit for opioids and other controlled substances as they currently do.

**Page 38, lines 6-8:** Section 50

Immediate effective date for sections 27 and 28 relating to optometrists per Section 49-conditional effect.