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### **Explanation of Changes:**

House Bill 89

Opioid Addiction Risk Disclosure Bill

### **HSS Version M to HSS Committee Substitute Version U**

#### **Version U**

##### **Section 6. AS 08.80.030(b)**

On page 8, line 22: The term “prescribing” was altered to “dispensing.”

The term “dispensing” more accurately reflects pharmacists’ true duties.

#### **Version M**

##### **Section 6. AS 08.80.030(b)**

On page 8, line 23-24: Language was removed to delete the phrase “...and alternatives to the opioid prescription the provider considers reasonable...”

Patients go to a pharmacy to receive medications that have already been prescribed to them by their provider. Requiring pharmacists to suggest reasonable alternatives to the prescribed opioid may unduly burden both the pharmacist and the provider and prevent the patient from receiving timely care. For example, this may result in the patient having to wait while the pharmacist contacts the provider even though the prescription may not end up changing.

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