

# 34<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature

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## Representative Frank Tomaszewski

### House Bill 270: “An Act relating to the prescription of opioid overdose drugs”

#### Sponsor Statement

House Bill 270 is a targeted, commonsense public health measure designed to reduce preventable opioid overdose deaths in Alaska while preserving appropriate access to pain management. The bill requires licensed health care providers to *offer* a prescription for an opioid overdose drug—such as naloxone—when prescribing opioids under specific, higher-risk circumstances.

HB 270 applies when an opioid prescription exceeds a three-day supply, reaches a dosage of 50 morphine milligram equivalents or more per day, is prescribed concurrently with a benzodiazepine, or when the patient has a history of overdose or substance use disorder. These risk factors are well-recognized indicators of increased overdose potential and are consistent with national clinical guidance.

Importantly, this legislation does not mandate that a patient fill or accept an overdose reversal prescription, nor does it restrict a provider’s clinical judgment in prescribing opioids. Instead, HB 270 ensures that patients are informed of, and have access to, a potentially life-saving medication at moments when risk is elevated.

Opioid overdose continues to be a significant and growing public health concern in Alaska, affecting individuals, families, and communities statewide. Naloxone is safe, effective, and widely recognized as a critical tool in overdose prevention. By integrating overdose education and access into routine prescribing practices, HB 270 strengthens Alaska’s response to the opioid crisis without imposing new barriers to care.

House Bill 270 represents a balanced approach: supporting patient safety, respecting provider discretion, and prioritizing prevention over tragedy.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 270**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE TOMASZEWSKI

Introduced: 1/23/26

Referred: Health and Social Services, Labor and Commerce

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the prescription of opioid overdose drugs."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.36.355(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

4 (4) "opioid overdose drug" has the meaning given in AS 17.20.085(g).

5 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.36.355 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (d) A licensee who issues a prescription for an opioid to a patient shall offer  
7 the patient a prescription for an opioid overdose drug if

8 (1) the prescription is for an opioid that exceeds a three-day supply;

9 (2) the prescription is for a total daily opioid dosage representing a  
10 morphine milligram equivalent of 50 milligrams or more;

11 (3) the patient is concurrently prescribed a benzodiazepine; or

12 (4) the patient has a history of overdose or substance use disorder.

13 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.64.363(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

14 (4) "opioid overdose drug" has the meaning given in AS 17.20.085(g).

15 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 08.64.363 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (d) A licensee who issues a prescription for an opioid to a patient shall offer  
2 the patient a prescription for an opioid overdose drug if

3 (1) the prescription is for an opioid that exceeds a three-day supply;

4 (2) the prescription is for a total daily opioid dosage representing a  
5 morphine milligram equivalent of 50 milligrams or more;

6 (3) the patient is concurrently prescribed a benzodiazepine; or

7 (4) the patient has a history of overdose or substance use disorder.

8 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 08.68.705(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

9 (4) "opioid overdose drug" has the meaning given in AS 17.20.085(g).

10 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 08.68.705 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (e) An advanced practice registered nurse who issues a prescription for an  
12 opioid to a patient shall offer the patient a prescription for an opioid overdose drug if

13 (1) the prescription is for an opioid that exceeds a three-day supply;

14 (2) the prescription is for a total daily opioid dosage representing a  
15 morphine milligram equivalent of 50 milligrams or more;

16 (3) the patient is concurrently prescribed a benzodiazepine; or

17 (4) the patient has a history of overdose or substance use disorder.

18 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 08.72.276 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

19 (c) A licensee who issues a prescription for an opioid to a patient shall offer  
20 the patient a prescription for an opioid overdose drug if

21 (1) the prescription is for an opioid that exceeds a three-day supply;

22 (2) the prescription is for a total daily opioid dosage representing a  
23 morphine milligram equivalent of 50 milligrams or more;

24 (3) the patient is concurrently prescribed a benzodiazepine; or

25 (4) the patient has a history of overdose or substance use disorder.

26 (d) In this section, "opioid overdose drug" has the meaning given in  
27 AS 17.20.085(g).

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### House Bill 270: Opioid Overdose Prevention

#### Sectional Analysis

##### Section 1:

- Adds a paragraph outlining the definition for an opioid overdose drug.

##### Section 2:

- Adds a subsection that outlines the requirements that are needed that would require a licensee (the prescribing medical professional) to offer a prescription for an opioid overdose drug.

##### Sections 3-7:

- Reiterates the above two changes in statute again in Alaska Statute sections 08.64.363, AS 08.68.705, and AS 08.72.276.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 270  
 Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 () Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier: HB270-DCCED-CBPL-04-24-26  
 Title: OPIOID OVERDOSE DRUG PRESCRIPTION  
 Sponsor: TOMASZEWSKI  
 Requester: (H) HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Department: Department of Commerce, Community and  
 Economic Development  
 Appropriation: Corporations, Business and Professional  
 Licensing  
 Allocation: Corporations, Business and Professional  
 Licensing  
 OMB Component Number: 2360

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None								
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**Change in Revenues**

None								
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
*(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes  
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/27

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Not applicable, initial version.

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Division:	Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing	Date:	04/24/2026
Approved By:	Hannah Lager, Administrative Services Director	Date:	04/24/26
Agency:	Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 270

**Analysis**

This legislation requires a dentist, physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or optometrist who prescribes an opioid to also offer the patient an opioid overdose drug prescription if:

- \* The opioid prescription exceeds a three-day supply;
- \* The opioid prescription is for a dosage with a morphine milligram equivalent of 50 milligrams or more;
- \* The patient is concurrently prescribed a benzodiazepine; or
- \* The patient has a history of overdose or substance use disorder.

If the bill passes, the following expenses will be incurred, but will be absorbed using existing authority.

Services:       \$1.4 For legal costs associated with updating and revising regulations.

*Professional licensing programs within the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing are funded by Receipt Supported Services, fund source 1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF). Per AS 08.01.065, licensing fees for each occupation are set so the total amount of revenue collected approximately equals the occupation's actual regulatory costs.*

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Identifier: HB270-DOH-CDPHP-04-24-26  
 Title: OPIOID OVERDOSE DRUG PRESCRIPTION  
 Sponsor: TOMASZEWSKI  
 Requester: (H) HSS

Department: Department of Health  
 Appropriation: Public Health  
 Allocation: Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion  
 OMB Component Number: 2818

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2027 Request	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>	<b>FY 2030</b>	<b>FY 2031</b>	<b>FY 2032</b>
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**Positions**

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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

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Not applicable; initial version.

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Division: Public Health	Date: 04/23/2026
Approved By: Pam Halloran, Assistant Commissioner	Date: 04/24/26
Agency: Department of Health	

**FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS**

**STATE OF ALASKA  
2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. HB270**

**Analysis**

HB270 requires that, under certain conditions, healthcare professionals offer to co-prescribe overdose drugs when prescribing opioids. It would also standardize the definition of “opioid overdose drug” for dentist, physician, nurse, and optometrist licensing statutes.

HB270 would align Alaska with states such as Kentucky, Ohio, and South Carolina that have passed similar legislation.

There is limited programmatic impact, and no fiscal impact is foreseen; therefore, this is a zero dollar fiscal note.