

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Memorandum

Explanation of Changes: CS SS HB 268
(Version O to Version R)

SS HB 268: An Act relating to the prescription of opioids; relating to the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to the practice of dentistry; relating to the practice of medicine; relating to the practice of podiatry; relating to the practice of osteopathy; relating to the practice of nursing; and relating to the practice of optometry.

Section 3. (15) Line 5: Clarified the bill applies to outpatient prescriptions only. Added the term “outpatient supply” before “of an opioid to a patient.” in order to further define situations in which a prescriber must provide patient information about opioid medication. The term “outpatient supply” is used in law currently.

- Concurring changes for all prescribing professions follow in:
 - Section 4 (a) Line 8
 - Section 5 (15) Line 1
 - Section 6 (a) Line 4
 - Section 7 (13) Line 30
 - Section 8 (a) Line 2
 - Section 9 (12) Line 2
 - Section 10 (a) Line 5

Section 4 (C)(iii). Lines 20-21: Language removed requiring prescriber information to a patient on heroin addiction and the connection between opioid prescription drug addiction and heroin use. Changed “health danger” to “health risks”. Now reads that a prescriber must provide information on how “opioid addiction may pose potentially life threatening health risks”.

- Concurring changes for all prescribing professions follow in:
 - Section 6, C, iii, Line 17-18
 - Section 8, C, iii, Line 17-18
 - Section 10, C, iii, Lines 18-19