

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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CS SS HB 268(HSS) **Sectional Analysis**

Sponsor Substitute for HB 268: Informed Understanding by Patients on Potential Opioid Use Dangers

Section 1. Bill Name is Consumer Advisory on Potential Heroin Addiction from Opioid Use Act.

Section 2. Legislative Findings.

Section 3. Enforcement of Bill: Board power to consider discipline for dentists who “habitually” and “without good cause” violate bill requirements; potential board discipline, but no additional legal civil liability cause of action created by bill, to protect against hostile legal relationship between patient and provider.

Section 4. Duties of Opioid Prescribing Dentists: Inform patients, in provider’s “own words”, of potential addiction dangers from extended opioid use; and any reasonable treatment alternatives, if they exist, to the recommended opioid prescription; distribute Department of Health and Social Services short handout on same potential dangers.

Section 5. Enforcement of Bill: Board power to consider discipline for medical, osteopathy and podiatry providers who “habitually” and “without good cause” violate bill requirements; potential board discipline, but no additional legal civil liability cause of action created by bill, to protect against hostile legal relationship between patient and provider.

Section 6. Duties of Opioid Prescribing Medical, Osteopathy and Podiatry Providers: Inform patients, in provider’s “own words”, of potential addiction dangers from extended opioid use; and any reasonable treatment alternatives, if they exist, to the recommended opioid prescription; distribute Department of Health and Social Services short handout on same potential dangers.

Section 7. Enforcement of Bill: Board power to consider discipline for registered nurses who “habitually” and “without good cause” violate bill requirements; potential board discipline, but no additional legal civil liability cause of action created by bill, to protect against hostile legal relationship between patient and provider.

Section 8. Duties of Opioid Prescribing Registered Nurses: Inform patients, in provider’s “own words”, of potential addiction dangers from extended opioid use; and any reasonable treatment

alternatives, if they exist, to the recommended opioid prescription; distribute Department of Health and Social Services short handout on same potential dangers.

Section 9. Enforcement of Bill: Board power to consider discipline for registered optometrists who “habitually” and “without good cause” violate bill requirements; potential board Discipline, but no additional legal civil liability cause of action created by bill, to protect against hostile legal relationship between patient and provider.

Section 10. Duties of Opioid Prescribing Optometrists: Inform patients, in provider’s “own words”, of potential addiction dangers from extended opioid use; and any reasonable treatment alternatives, if they exist, to the recommended opioid prescription; distribute Department of Health and Social Services short handout on same potential dangers.

Section 11. Department of Health and Social Services may adopt conforming regulations.