

# 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.