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Senate Bill 147 (vsn I)

Pharmacist Prescription Authority

Sectional Analysis

"An Act relating to the prescription and administration of drugs and devices by pharmacists; relating to reciprocity for pharmacists; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1. Amends AS 08.80.030(b) **Powers and duties of the board.**

to require that a licensed pharmacist who prescribes, administers, or dispenses a controlled substance under state law or federal law to a person in the state register with the controlled substance prescription database (PDMP).

Section 2. Amends AS 08.80.110 **Qualifications for licensure by examination.**

to require that a pharmacist who holds a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number applying for licensure (via examination) receive education in pain management and opioid use and addiction, in alignment with other practitioners in Alaska who hold DEA numbers.

Section 3. Amends AS 08.80.145 **Reciprocity; license transfer.**

to require that a pharmacist who holds a DEA number applying for licensure (via reciprocity) receive education in pain management and opioid use and addiction, in alignment with other practitioners in Alaska who hold DEA numbers and pay the associated fees.

Section 4. Amends AS 08.80.165 **Continuing education requirements.**

to require a pharmacist who holds a DEA number and renews licensure in Alaska meet continuing education requirements including at least two hours of education in pain management and opioid use and addiction in the two years preceding license renewal, in alignment with other practitioners in Alaska who hold DEA numbers. A pharmacist whose practice does not include pain management and opioid prescription, or administration is exempt from this requirement.

Section 5. Amends AS 08.80.337 **Other patient care services.**

(a)to clarify that a pharmacist may not provide patient care services under a collaborative agreement with another pharmacist.

Section 6. Amends AS 08.80.337 **Other patient care services.**

(d) to clarify that “patient care services” mean medical care services that include the prescription or administration of a drug or device to a patient for the purposes of curing or preventing a disease, reduction of patient symptoms or for slowing the disease progression.

Section 7. Amends and adds a new subsection to AS 08.80.337 **Other patient care services.**

(e) requiring that a pharmacist prescribing or administering a drug or device under this section recognize the limits of the pharmacist's education, training, and experience and consult with and refer to other practitioners as appropriate. This aligns with standard of care and pharmacy regulation.

Section 8. Amends AS 08.80.480 **Definitions.**

(30) to clarify that the “practice of pharmacy” includes providing patient care services in accordance with AS 08.80.337. This includes patient care services provided independently or under collaborative practice.

Section 9. Amends and adds a new paragraph to AS 08.80.480 **Definitions.**

(40) adds to the definition of opioid to include opium and opiate substances and opium and opiate derivatives

Section 10. Repeals AS 08.80.337 **Other patient care services (c)** to align with clarifications in Section 6.

Section 11. Provides for an effective date of January 1, 2026.