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STATE MEDICAL BOARD

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April 17, 2025
Alaska State Senate
Alaska State House of Representatives
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Re: Statement of Opposition – SB 147 & HB 195, Pharmacist Prescriptive Authority

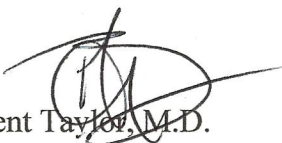
Dear Members of the Legislature,

Senate Bill 147 would effectively expand the prescriptive authority of pharmacists to prescribe and administer any medications, including controlled substances and abortion medications.

The authority to broadly prescribe any medication would mean pharmacists would have the ability to diagnose and therefore treat any medical condition. The diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions is the practice of medicine. The State Medical Board opposes pharmacists being granted the ability to practice medicine in Alaska.

The Alaska State Medical Board strongly urges you to vote against SB 147 and HB 195.

Sincerely,


Brent Taylor, M.D.
Chair

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The Honorable Senator Scott Kawasaki, Senate State Affairs Chair
The Honorable Representative Ted Eischeid, House Military & Veterans' Affairs Chair
Alaska State Capitol, Rooms 119 and 412
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Sent via email: Senate.State.Affairs@akleg.gov, House.Military.And.Veterans.Affairs@akleg.gov

Re: Statement of Support – SB 145 & HB 158, Professional Licensing; Temp Permits

Dear Chairs Kawasaki and Eischeid, and Members of the Legislature,

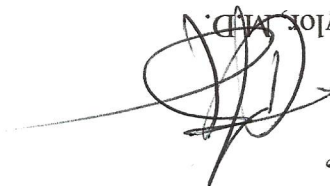
At its meeting on April 17, 2025, the State Medical Board voted unanimously in support of Senate Bill 145 and House Bill 158. These bills would allow a pathway for applicants for professional licensure in Alaska to be issued a temporary license for applicants who hold a substantially equivalent license in good standing from another U.S. jurisdiction or meet the qualifications for Alaska licensure through military education, training and service and do not already hold a license in another jurisdiction. The bills would also conform State law with the Federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, which requires states to issue a servicemember of servicemember spouse a state license within 30 days of application, so long as they meet all criteria.

These bills will make it easier for qualified licensees in good standing to come to Alaska to fill vacancies and assist Alaskans in need of their services.

For many years, the Medical Board has successfully utilized the strategy of issuing temporary permits to its licensees as a tool to expedite getting physicians and physician assistants to work in Alaska and supports the expanded use of this approach to other professions.

The Alaska State Medical Board urges you to hear and vote in favor of SB 145 & HB 158.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Senator Jesse Bjorkman, Senate Labor & Commerce Chair
The Honorable Representative Zach Fields, House Labor & Commerce Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Carolyn Hall, House Labor & Commerce Co-Chair
Alaska State Capitol, Rooms 427, 24, and 434
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Sent via email: Senate.Labor.And.Commerce@akleg.gov, House.Labor.And.Commerce@akleg.gov

Re: Statement of Support – SB 124 and HB 131, Nurse Licensure Compact

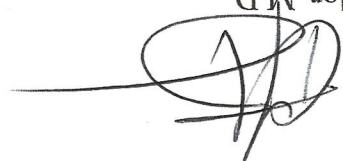
Dear Chairs Bjorkman, Fields, and Hall, and Members of the Legislature,

At its meeting on April 17, 2025, the State Medical Board voted unanimously in support of Senate Bill 124 and House Bill 131. These bills would allow the Alaska Board of Nursing to join the national Nurse Licensure Compact.

The State Medical Board recognizes nurses as being critical to the health care system in Alaska. Alaska has a significant nursing shortage which is projected to get worse. Joining the Nurse Licensure Compact would give Alaska more opportunities to recruit nurses to Alaska and get them to work quickly.

The Alaska State Medical Board urges you to hear and vote in favor of SB 124 & HB 131.

Sincerely,


Brent Taylor, M.D.
Chair