

HOUSE BILL NO. 275

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act requiring that a policy of group health insurance offered by the state and
2 certain local governments include coverage for colorectal screening, allow retirees to
3 choose between brand-name and generic drug products, and limit certain prescription
4 drug benefit payments to an amount based on the cost of the generic drug product."

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

6 * **Section 1.** AS 39.30.090(a) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(A) shall allow the person or the person's authorized representative to choose, in writing, between a generic drug product and a brand-name drug product if the person is having a prescription filled and both products are available for that purpose;

(B) may not pay the difference between the cost of a brand-name drug product and a generic drug product if the person for whom the drug product is prescribed, or the person's authorized representative, chooses a brand-name drug product, unless

(i) the person prescribing the drug product states, in writing, that a generic drug product may not be dispensed; or

(ii) the pharmacist responsible for dispensing the drug product states, in writing, that a generic drug product is not available to dispense or that dispensing a generic drug product in that instance would be unlawful.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 39.30.090(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(4) "generic drug product" has the meaning given to the term "equivalent drug product" in AS 08.80.480.