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Sponsor Statement House Bill 306 ver. A "Extending the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy."

House Bill 306 extends the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy until June 30, 2028. The current sunset date is June 30, 2022.

The first Alaska Board of Pharmacy was created in 1913. Those provisions were repealed in 1955 and a new board was enacted with many of the same functions.

The Board of Pharmacy benefits Alaskans by regulating pharmacies, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy interns, and ensuring the practice of pharmacy is done safely and within the bounds of state law. Allowing the board to terminate would not be in the best interest of the state.

The Division of Legislative Audit (DLA) found in their 2021 audit of the Board of Pharmacy that the "board served the public's interest by effectively conducting its meetings and actively amending regulations; however, improvements over the board's licensing functions are needed." DLA recommended the extension of the board for six years to reflect "the need for more timely oversight of the board's evolving role in combating the public health opioid crisis."

I respectfully ask for your support in the passage of HB306.