

## Department of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

Corporations, Business, & Professional Licensing Board of Pharmacy

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House Rules Committee Alaska State House of Representatives Juneau, Alaska 99801 House.Rules@akleg.gov

Re: HB 85 – Professional Licensing; Temp Permits– Letter of Support

Dear House Rules Committee,

The Board of Pharmacy ("board") is submitting its position on HB 85, an act relating to professional licensing; relating to temporary licenses for some professions; and providing for an effective date. During its March 20, 2023, meeting, the board discussed HB 85 and voted to support it because it accomplishes the following:

- Expands the temporary licensing period the board currently has in place from 90 days to 180 days
- Provides an efficient pathway for pharmacists and technicians to not only work under a temporary license but also to obtain permanent licensure in Alaska

The board supports this legislation and will continue to be a collaborative resource for ensuring efficient licensing processes while protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of Alaskans.

Thank you,

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