

AMENDMENT # 1

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BY REPRESENTATIVE GUTTENBERG

TO: HCS CSSB 196(FIN)

1 Page 1, line 1, following "database": (title amendment)

2 Insert "and requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to conduct a  
3 study pertaining to prescription drug discounts and report the results to the legislature"

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5 Page 6, following line 21:

6 Insert a new bill section to read:

7 "\* Sec. 3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
8 read:

9 PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT PRICING STUDY AND REPORT. (a) The  
10 Department of Health and Social Services shall conduct a study of the feasibility of providing  
11 discounted prescription drug pricing to every person in the state who is not otherwise covered  
12 by a prescription drug plan. In conducting the study, the department shall cooperate with other  
13 state agencies and representatives of state employees, health care providers, and health care  
14 facilities. The study must include

15 (1) a description of health care providers and facilities in the state that meet  
16 the definition of "covered entity" under 42 U.S.C. 256b (Social Security Act);

17 (2) a description of other health care providers and facilities in the state that  
18 would benefit from prescription drug discount pricing;

19 (3) a list of potential benefits to public, private, and third-party payors of  
20 prescription drug discount pricing;

21 (4) a list of resources and an application process available for entities seeking  
22 to be included as a covered entity for purposes of obtaining prescription drug discounts;

23 (5) estimated cost savings for prescription drug discount pricing; and

1                   (6) strategies, such as state bulk purchasing initiatives, state-funded managed  
2 care plans, and sole source contracting, for obtaining the best prices on chronic use drugs.

3                   (b) The Department of Health and Social Services shall, after conducting the study  
4 under (a) of this section, prepare a report summarizing the study and submit the report to the  
5 legislature on or before January 1, 2009."