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Referred: Health, Education  
and Social Services

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 *am*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to certain practices of the

6 United States Veterans Administration.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS the Veterans Administration requires prescriptions even for  
9 routine medications; and

10 WHEREAS it is the policy of the Veterans Administration to require that  
11 medication for persons eligible to receive free medication be furnished from  
12 the nearest Veterans Administration pharmacy; and

13 WHEREAS, because of this policy, many Alaskans are required to order  
14 even non-prescription items from Seattle; and

15 WHEREAS that requirement is time consuming, and, in addition, there is  
16 the chance of a person not receiving his medication by the time his present  
17 supply is exhausted, and there is always a risk that the medication will be  
18 damaged during the shipping process; and

19 WHEREAS it would seem only logical that at least for what would be  
20 ordinary non-prescription medications the Veterans Administration permit  
21 persons to purchase these items at local pharmacies; and

22 WHEREAS, if the latter policy were instituted, it would benefit the  
23 patient as well as lessen the flow of paper for the Administration;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
25 Veterans Administration is urgently requested to change its policy of not  
26 permitting persons requiring routine non-prescription medications to obtain  
27 such medications at local pharmacies in their place of residence.

28 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald E.  
29 Johnson, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, U. S. Veterans Administration;

1 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators,  
2 and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
3 delegation in Congress.

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