

HB

270

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To: Senator Fred Dyson, Chairman, Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee

From: Representative Nancy Dahlstrom

Date: May 12, 2003

Re: House Bill 270

Please schedule HB 270 "An Act relating to the licensure of pharmacists; and providing for an effective date" for a hearing in Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee as soon as possible

Included with the request is:

- 1) HB 270
- 2) Zero Fiscal Note
- 3) Sponsor Statement
- 4) Letters of Support

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sponsor Statement

HB 270

“An Act relating to the licensure of pharmacists; and providing for an effective date”

HB 270 was introduced to help the Board of Pharmacy address a problem that was unintentionally left out of the original version of the statutes.

The board of Pharmacy currently cannot deny a licensee based on actions that follow AS 08.80.261(a), however they can discipline a current licensee. This legislation gives the Board the authority to deny a license to a new applicant if they find that the applicant has committed fraud, deceit, falsely advertised, convicted of a felony, etc. as listed in AS 08.80.261(a).

The passage of this bill will provide the Board of Pharmacy the ability to ensure a greater degree of safety for Alaskan citizens.

I urge your support for HB 270.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: HB 270
(H) Publish Date: 4/25/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
Title Pharmacist Licensing BRU Occupational Licensing (117)
Component Occupational Licensing
Sponsor Representative Dahlstrom
Requester House Health Education & Social Services Component No. 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to deny a license to an applicant who fails to meet certain criteria. New funds are not required to implement this bill.

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Approved by: Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner Date 4/22/2003
Agency Department of Community & Economic Development

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April 16, 2003

Honorable Representative Nancy Dahlstrom
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: HB 270

Dear Representative Dahlstrom,

The Alaska Pharmacists Association, formerly the Alaska Pharmaceutical Association, represents over 200 licensed pharmacists and technicians in the State of Alaska. On behalf of our membership I would like to thank you for sponsoring HB 270 "an Act relating to the licensure of pharmacists." Our membership includes pharmacy staff members in retail, hospital, clinic, and institutional practice sites. All of these practice sites rely on the Board of Pharmacy to license professionals that are fit and competent to practice pharmacy.

As you are aware the statutory changes made by HB270 are needed in order for the Board of Pharmacy (BOP) to deny pharmacy licenses to individuals with questionable backgrounds. Currently the BOP has no specific statutory authority to deny individuals licenses to individuals who may have felony drug convictions or drug abuse problems, unless they had been previously licensed by the BOP. The current situation potentially puts both the safety of the public and the profession of pharmacy at risk.

Our association has put a high priority on getting the statutory changes included in HB270 into law. We thank you once again for sponsoring and introducing this bill. Please do not hesitate to contact our association or me directly at 907-225-6186 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barry Christensen, Pharmacist
Chair, Legislative Committee

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PO Box 61328
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April 17, 2003

Honorable Representative Nancy Dahlstrom
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 108
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: HB 270

Dear Representative Dahlstrom,

I would like to thank you for sponsoring HB 270 "an Act relating to the licensure of pharmacists." I have been a registered pharmacist in the State of Alaska for over 30 years and currently serve on the Alaska Board of Pharmacy. As the pharmacy statutes now stand, the Board does not have the authority to deny a license. Therefore, the board might be compelled to issue licenses to individuals with criminal and objectionable backgrounds (including felony drug convictions, felony weapons convictions, drug abuse, etc.). Your bill would allow the Board to refuse to license an applicant for the same reason that it may impose disciplinary sanctions. Giving the Board of Pharmacy this authority is necessary for the Board to protect the health and safety of the public.

Thank you again for your support,

Margaret D. Soden, RPh

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/10/03

FURTHER: Labor and Commerce

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 5.16.03

Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 270

HB 270 PHARMACIST LICENSING

"An Act relating to the licensure of pharmacists; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)

adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)

attached amendment(s)

adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee

further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

same title

new title

House Bill:

same title

technical title

new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
LED	4/22		X	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:		DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
Davis	<i>B. Davis</i>	✓			
Guess	<i>Guess</i>	✓			
Green	<i>Green</i>	✓			
Dyson	CHAIR: <i>Frank Dyson</i>	✓			

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