REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR STUDY STATES THAT HAVE A PRACTICE OF ALLOWING A ONE-TIME EMERGENCY REFILL OF A PRESCRIPTION BY A PHARMACIST.

WHEREAS, pharmacists and pharmacies are located in all seventy-five (75) counties within Arkansas and are the most accessible healthcare providers for many Arkansans; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are allowed to dispense a one-time emergency supply of medications for up to seventy-two (72) hours of certain medications; and

WHEREAS, the packaging of medications in certain units of use can lead to the need for a pharmacist to be able to dispense a one-month supply of medication; and

WHEREAS, other states have begun to address this issue with legislation to allow pharmacists to dispense a one-time emergency refill of a prescription medication in a "reasonable quantity", in a "sufficient" quantity, or for up to a thirty-day supply; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has an interest in increasing healthcare access to its citizens,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study the ability of pharmacists in other states to provide a one-time emergency refill of prescription medication.

Respectfully submitted,
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