REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR STUDY ELIMINATING THE BARRIERS TO DISPENSING OF MEDICATIONS BY PHYSICIANS.

WHEREAS, dispensing means "to prepare and distribute medicines to those who are to use them" or "to give out medicine and other necessities to the sick, and to fill a medical prescription"; and

WHEREAS, a resurgence of physician dispensing has been occurring across the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, some states have reduced statutory and regulatory requirements to allow more physicians to dispense in order to improve patient compliance with prescription medications; and

WHEREAS, forty-four (44) states, including Arkansas, authorize some form of physician dispensing; and

WHEREAS, allowing patients to have prescriptions filled and dispensed at a physician's office would increase patient compliance; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has an interest in improving the health of the citizens of Arkansas by ensuring patient compliance with prescriptions,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF THE NINetieth GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study eliminating the barriers to dispensing of medications by physicians.

Respectfully submitted,
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