

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2017-137

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3 REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND
4 LABOR STUDY ELIMINATING THE BARRIERS TO DISPENSING OF MEDICATIONS
5 BY PHYSICIANS.
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7 WHEREAS, dispensing means "to prepare and distribute medicines to those
8 who are to use them" or "to give out medicine and other necessities to the
9 sick, and to fill a medical prescription"; and
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11 WHEREAS, a resurgence of physician dispensing has been occurring across
12 the United State of America; and
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14 WHEREAS, some states have reduced statutory and regulatory requirements
15 to allow more physicians to dispense in order to improve patient compliance
16 with prescription medications; and
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18 WHEREAS, forty-four (44) states, including Arkansas, authorize some
19 form of physician dispensing; and
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21 WHEREAS, allowing patients to have prescriptions filled and dispensed
22 at a physician's office would increase patient compliance; and
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24 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has an interest in improving the health
25 of the citizens of Arkansas by ensuring patient compliance with
26 prescriptions,
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28 NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF
30 THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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32 THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study
33 eliminating the barriers to dispensing of medications by physicians.
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36 Respectfully submitted,

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