

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-196

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3 REQUESTING THE SENATE 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 States 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 SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR  
30 OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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32 THAT the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study  
33 eliminating the barriers to dispensing of medications by physicians.  
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35 Respectfully submitted,  
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