

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-181

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3 REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND
4 LABOR STUDY STATES THAT HAVE A PRACTICE OF ALLOWING A ONE-TIME
5 EMERGENCY REFILL OF A PRESCRIPTION BY A PHARMACIST.
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7 WHEREAS, pharmacists and pharmacies are located in all seventy-five
8 (75) counties within Arkansas and are the most accessible healthcare
9 providers for many Arkansans; and
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11 WHEREAS, pharmacists are allowed to dispense a one-time emergency
12 supply of medications for up to seventy-two (72) hours of certain
13 medications; and
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15 WHEREAS, the packaging of medications in certain units of use can lead
16 to the need for a pharmacist to be able to dispense a one-month supply of
17 medication; and
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19 WHEREAS, other states have begun to address this issue with legislation
20 to allow pharmacists to dispense a one-time emergency refill of a
21 prescription medication in a "reasonable quantity", in a "sufficient"
22 quantity, or for up to a thirty-day supply; and
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24 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has an interest in increasing healthcare
25 access to its citizens,
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27 NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF
29 THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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31 THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study the
32 ability of pharmacists in other states to provide a one-time emergency refill
33 of prescription medication.
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35 Respectfully submitted,
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