

SENATE BILL NO. 162

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/7/14

Referred: Health and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act authorizing a licensed optometrist to prescribe a pharmaceutical agent
2 containing hydrocodone."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 08.72.272(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A licensee may prescribe and use a pharmaceutical agent, including a
6 controlled substance, in the practice of optometry if

7 (1) the pharmaceutical agent

8 (A) is prescribed and used for the treatment of ocular disease or
9 conditions, ocular adnexal disease or conditions, or emergency anaphylaxis;

10 (B) is not a schedule IA, IIA, or VIA controlled substance;
11 **however, notwithstanding this paragraph, a licensee may prescribe and**
12 **use a pharmaceutical agent containing hydrocodone;**

13 (C) is prescribed in a quantity that does not exceed four days of
14 prescribed use if it is a controlled substance;

1 (D) is not injected into the ocular globe of the eye; and

2 (E) is not a derivative of clostridium botulinum; and

3 (2) the licensee

4 (A) has a physician-patient relationship, as defined by the
5 board in regulations adopted under this chapter, with the person to whom the
6 pharmaceutical agent is prescribed; and

7 (B) has on file with the department the licensee's current
8 federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration number that is valid for
9 the controlled substance prescribed or used.