

HOUSE BILL NO. 237

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GILLHAM

Introduced: 1/7/22

Referred: Prefiled

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to pharmacists dispensing medication for treatment of COVID-19 and**
2 **related diseases."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 08.80.261 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (c) The board may not deny a license to an applicant or impose a disciplinary
6 sanction on a person licensed under this chapter for dispensing medication as
7 prescribed by a physician licensed under AS 08.64 for the treatment or prevention of
8 COVID-19 and related diseases.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.80 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 **Sec. 08.80.332. Duty to dispense medication for COVID-19 and related**
11 **diseases.** A person licensed under this chapter shall dispense medication as prescribed
12 by a physician licensed under AS 08.64 for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19
13 and related diseases. Notwithstanding AS 08.80.480(30), a person dispensing
14 medication under this section is not required to evaluate whether dispensing the

1 medication is in the patient's best interest.

2 * **Sec. 3.** AS 08.80.480 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

3 (40) "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus disease caused by the
4 severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).