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8 URGING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION EMPLOYEES' HEALTH  
9 INSURANCE PLAN (PEEHIP) BOARD TO ADOPT THE STATE EMPLOYEES'  
10 HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (SEHIP) PHARMACY-LED MEDICATION  
11 MANAGEMENT APPROACH.

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13 WHEREAS, Alabama pharmacies are stabilizing economic  
14 forces in their neighborhoods and their communities; and

15 WHEREAS, Alabama pharmacy owners are relied upon to  
16 provide jobs and to be significant contributors to the tax  
17 base in their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Alabama pharmacy owners take great pride in  
19 being good corporate citizens as they contribute to worthy  
20 community projects and as they serve in numerous community  
21 leadership positions; and

22 WHEREAS, pharmacists are well-trained professionals  
23 who take 15 hours of continuing education classes each year in  
24 order to provide highest quality delivery of health care to  
25 their patients; and

1           WHEREAS, pharmacists are regarded with a very high  
2 degree of trust by their patients who often seek advice from  
3 their trusted pharmacists; and

4           WHEREAS, national studies consistently show that  
5 pharmacists' professional involvement is a critical factor in  
6 ensuring successful medication management; and

7           WHEREAS, successful medication management has proven  
8 to be an invaluable cost-containment tool for health insurance  
9 plans across the nation; and

10          WHEREAS, research shows that medication management  
11 saves money by preventing hospital stays, emergency department  
12 visits, and missed days of work; and

13          WHEREAS, studies estimate successful  
14 pharmacy-involved medication management could help save  
15 insurance plans \$13 billion annually by advertising the 1.5  
16 million preventable problems each year that cost \$177 billion  
17 in injury and death; and

18          WHEREAS, recent decisions by PEEHIP ignore the  
19 estimated value of pharmacy-led medication management; and

20          WHEREAS, PEEHIP's plan changes disrupt many trusted  
21 relationships between patients and their chosen pharmacists;  
22 and

23          WHEREAS, PEEHIP's changes threaten the economic  
24 stability and vitality of neighborhoods and communities across  
25 Alabama; and

1                   WHEREAS, by contrast, the SEHIP properly partners  
2 with pharmacists to achieve the total savings promised by a  
3 strong medication management program; and

4                   WHEREAS, SEHIP values the trusted pharmacy-patient  
5 relationship as a critical way to improve clinical outcomes  
6 and to achieve maximum cost containment; now therefore,

7                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the PEEHIP Board to  
9 adopt the SEHIP pharmacy-led medication management approach  
10 and to abandon its plan changes which threaten Alabama  
11 communities by disrupting the pharmacy-patient relationship.