

1 HB698
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3 By Representative Beech
4 RFD: Ways and Means General Fund
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there is a privilege tax
9 upon providers of pharmaceutical services. This
10 bill will increase the tax from 10 cents to 25
11 cents for each prescription filled or refilled for
12 a citizen of Alabama.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to the privilege tax upon providers of
19 pharmaceutical services; to amend Section 40-26B-2 of the Code
20 of Alabama 1975, to increase the tax from 10 cents to 25 cents
21 for each prescription filled or refilled for a citizen of
22 Alabama.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 40-26B-2, Code of Alabama 1975,
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 "§40-26B-2.

1 "To provide further for the availability of indigent
2 health care, the operation of the Medicaid Program and the
3 maintenance and expansion of medical services thereunder,
4 there is hereby levied and shall be collected as provided in
5 this article a privilege tax on the business activities of
6 every provider of pharmaceutical services to the citizens of
7 Alabama, except for a pharmacy, or portion thereof, serving
8 hospital inpatients or pharmacies owned or operated by the
9 State of Alabama or an agency thereof. The privilege tax
10 imposed by this article is in addition to all other taxes of
11 any kind now imposed by law, and shall be at the rate of ~~10~~ 25
12 cents for each prescription filled or refilled for a citizen
13 of Alabama."

14 Section 2. This act shall become effective
15 immediately following its passage and approval by the
16 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.