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3 HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HB35
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would authorize a pharmacist
9 licensed by the Board of Pharmacy and a physician
10 licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners to
11 enter into a collaborative practice agreement.
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13 A BILL
14 TO BE ENTITLED
15 AN ACT
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17 Relating to the practice of pharmacy; to add Section
18 34-23-77 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize a
19 pharmacist licensed by the Board of Pharmacy and a physician
20 licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners to enter into
21 a collaborative practice agreement; and to authorize the Board
22 of Pharmacy and Board of Medical Examiners to adopt certain
23 fees.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 34-23-77 is added to the Code of
26 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

27 §34-23-77.

1 (a) A pharmacist licensed by the Board of Pharmacy
2 and a physician licensed by the State Board of Medical
3 Examiners may enter into a collaborative practice agreement.

4 (b) A copy of the collaborative practice agreement
5 and any amendment thereto shall be submitted to each
6 respective board within 10 days after the agreement is signed
7 by both parties.

8 (c) A collaborative practice agreement and any
9 amendment thereto shall not become effective until approved by
10 the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Examiners.

11 (d) The Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medical
12 Examiners shall each adopt rules to implement this act. The
13 initial rules shall be adopted not later than October 1, 2019.

14 (e) A collaborative practice agreement between a
15 licensed pharmacist and a licensed physician may not be
16 approved unless both the Board of Pharmacy and Board of
17 Medical Examiners have rules in effect implementing this
18 section.

19 (f) Fees for physicians participating in a
20 collaborative practice with a licensed pharmacist shall be
21 collected and retained by the State Board of Medical
22 Examiners. Fees for pharmacists participating in a
23 collaborative practice with a licensed physician shall be
24 collected and retained by the Board of Pharmacy. The fee for a
25 physician participating in a collaborative practice shall be
26 set by the State Board of Medical Examiners in an amount not
27 to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300). The fee for a

1 pharmacist participating in a collaborative practice shall be
2 set by the Board of Pharmacy in an amount not to exceed three
3 hundred dollars (\$300).

4 (g) Nothing in this section shall preclude a
5 pharmacist licensed by the Board of Pharmacy employed by a
6 licensed health care facility from executing approved medical
7 protocols within the facility.

8 Section 2. This act shall become effective
9 immediately following its passage and approval by the
10 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.