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3 By Representative Johnson (R)  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Board of Home  
9 Medical Equipment licenses home medical equipment  
10 services providers.

11 This bill would exempt from the law  
12 out-of-state providers of home medical equipment  
13 and services provided to Alabama Medicaid  
14 recipients.

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16 A BILL  
17 TO BE ENTITLED  
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to the Board of Home Medical Equipment; to  
21 amend Section 34-14C-5 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to exempt  
22 out-of-state providers of home of medical equipment and  
23 services provided to Alabama Medicaid recipients from the law  
24 licensing providers of home medical equipment.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 34-14C-5 of the Code of Alabama  
27 1975, is amended to read as follows:

1           "§34-14C-5.

2           "(a) The licensure requirements of this chapter do  
3 not apply to the following entities or practitioners:

4           "(1) Home health agencies certified by the State of  
5 Alabama to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

6           "(2) Hospital based home medical equipment services,  
7 whether or not the services are provided through a separate  
8 corporation or other business entity.

9           "(3) Health care practitioners legally eligible to  
10 order or prescribe home medical equipment, or who use home  
11 medical equipment to treat patients in locations other than  
12 the patient's residence, including, but not limited to,  
13 physicians, nurses, physical therapists, respiratory  
14 therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists,  
15 optometrists, chiropractors, and podiatrists, except for those  
16 practitioners, other than a licensed physician practicing  
17 medicine, who provide home medical equipment services in a  
18 patient's residence.

19           "Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as  
20 prohibiting or restricting a licensed physician who is  
21 practicing medicine, nor shall anything in this chapter be  
22 construed as requiring a physician practicing medicine, to be  
23 licensed as a home medical equipment services provider.

24           "(4) Manufacturers and wholesale distributors, when  
25 not selling directly to a patient.

26           "(5) Retail community pharmacies, including  
27 providers of home infusion therapy services.

1           "(6) Hospice programs, except programs which provide  
2     home medical equipment services, including delivery to a  
3     patient's residence.

4           "(7) Skilled nursing facilities, except facilities  
5     which provide home medical equipment services, including  
6     delivery to a patient's residence.

7           "(8) Governmental agencies, including fire districts  
8     which provide emergency medical services, and contractors to  
9     governmental agencies whose business deals only with the  
10    contracted agency.

11          "(9) Mail order companies, as defined by rule of the  
12    board.

13          "(b) This chapter shall not apply to out-of-state  
14    providers of home medical equipment and services provided in  
15    accordance with state or federal law or regulation to Alabama  
16    Medicaid recipients."

17          Section 2. This act shall become effective  
18    immediately following its passage and approval by the  
19    Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.