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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would authorize physicians to  
9 prescribe, administer, or dispense long-term  
10 antibiotic therapy for a therapeutic purpose to  
11 eliminate infection or to control a patient's  
12 symptoms upon making a clinical diagnosis that the  
13 patient has a disease resulting from a tick bite, a  
14 tick borne illness, or displays certain symptoms.

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16 A BILL  
17 TO BE ENTITLED  
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to tick borne diseases; to authorize  
21 physicians to prescribe, administer, or dispense long-term  
22 antibiotic therapy to eliminate infection or to control a  
23 patient's symptoms upon making a clinical diagnosis that the  
24 patient has a tick borne disease.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section,  
27 "long-term antibiotic therapy" means the administration of

1 oral, intramuscular, or intravenous antibiotics singly or in  
2 combination, for periods of time in excess of four weeks.

3 (b) A licensed physician may prescribe, administer,  
4 or dispense long-term antibiotic therapy for a therapeutic  
5 purpose to eliminate infection or to control a patient's  
6 symptoms upon making a clinical diagnosis that the patient has  
7 a tick borne disease or displays symptoms consistent with a  
8 clinical diagnosis of a tick borne disease, if the clinical  
9 diagnosis and treatment are documented in the patient's  
10 medical record by the prescribing licensed physician.

11 (c) A diagnosis under subsection (b) shall be based  
12 on knowledge obtained through medical history and physical  
13 examination only or in conjunction with testing that provides  
14 supportive data for the clinical diagnosis.

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
16 first day of the third month following its passage and  
17 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.