CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 480(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/14/96
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES THERRIAULT, Kelly

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to physician assistants."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 08.64.107 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.64.107. REGULATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDICS. The board shall adopt regulations regarding the licensing [REGISTRATION] of physician assistants and registration of mobile intensive care paramedics, and the medical services that they may perform, including the

(1) [THE] educational and other qualifications; [,]
(2) [THE] application and registration procedures; [,]
(3) [THE] scope of activities authorized; [,] and
(4) [THE] responsibilities of the supervising or training physician.

* Sec. 2. AS 18.08.089(a) is amended to read:

(a) A mobile intensive care paramedic or physician assistant registered or licensed under AS 08.64.107 or an emergency medical technician certified under this
chapter may make a determination and pronouncement of death of a person under the following circumstances:

   (1) the paramedic or emergency medical technician is an active member of an emergency medical service certified under this chapter;

   (2) neither a physician licensed under AS 08.64 nor a physician exempt from licensure under AS 08.64 is immediately available for consultation by radio or telephone communications;

   (3) the paramedic, physician assistant, or emergency medical technician has determined, based on acceptable medical standards, that the person has sustained irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions.

* Sec. 3. AS 18.15.310(a) is amended to read:

(a) The withdrawal of blood for a test under AS 18.15.300 - 18.15.320 shall be performed in a medically approved manner. Only a physician or physician assistant licensed under AS 08.64, [PHYSICIAN’S ASSISTANT REGISTERED UNDER AS 08.64,] registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or certified emergency medical technician may withdraw blood specimens for the purposes of AS 18.15.300 - 18.15.320.