HOUSE BILL NO. 497

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MULDER BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/12/96
Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to chiropractic peer review; and providing for an effective date."

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

* Section 1. AS 08.20.185(a) is amended to read:

(a) In addition to peer review authorized under AS 08.01.075, the board may establish a peer review committee to review complaints concerning the reasonableness or appropriateness of care provided, fees charged, or costs for services rendered by a licensee to a patient. A review conducted by a peer review committee under this section may be utilized by the board in considering disciplinary action against a licensee but the results or recommendations of a peer review committee are not binding upon the board. A member of a peer review committee established under this section [CHIROPRACTOR] who in good faith submits a report under this section or participates in an investigation or judicial proceeding related to a report submitted under this section is immune from civil liability for the submission or participation.

* Sec. 2. AS 08.20.185 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) Patient records presented to a peer review committee for review under this
section that were confidential before their presentation to the committee are
confidential to the committee members and to the board members and are not subject
to inspection or copying under AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.125. A committee member or
board member to whom confidential records are presented under this subsection shall
maintain the confidentiality of the records. A person who violates this subsection is
guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).