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### **HB269**

#### **Courtesy License Immunity Bill**

- Provides protection for Health Care Providers licensed in another state who do pro bono work in Alaska.
- AS 09.65.300 already provides protection for Alaska licensed health care practitioners delivering pro bono care.
- Clarifies 09.65.300 covers holders of a courtesy license have protection under 09.65.300.
  - Review of 09.65.300 by Attorney General's office indicated it would take a court case to definitively decide if courtesy licenses had protection.
- The Alaska Dental Society will be holding a Mission of Mercy event April 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mission of Mercy will deliver dental free care to as many people as we can accommodate over 2 days.
  - 180 dentists are participating, 7 for outside Alaska
  - 7 Military dentists from JBER have signed up to participate. Military dentists do not carry malpractice insurance and will be unable to participate without this protection.
  - South Central Foundation dentists would like to participate but, like military dentists, they do not carry malpractice and currently are unable to participate.
- Immunity under 09.65.300 is not absolute but provides protection for health care providers delivering care under standard of care guidelines.