

HOUSE BILL NO. 288

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLER

Introduced: 1/17/12

Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act prohibiting denial or withholding of medical assistance eligibility or coverage**
2 **for a prisoner."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47.07.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (o) To the extent consistent with federal law, a person's eligibility or coverage
6 for medical assistance under this chapter may not be denied or withheld on the basis of
7 the person's confinement to, or release on furlough from, a correctional facility if the
8 person is in the custody of the state. In this subsection, "correctional facility" has the
9 meaning given in AS 33.30.901.