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Honorable Steve Thompson
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capital Room 500
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: House Bill 269

Dear Representative Thompson:

The Alaska State Medical Association (ASMA) represents physicians statewide and is primarily concerned with the health of all Alaskans.

Thank you for introducing HB 269. ASMA supports the effort to clarify current language and asks the Alaska Legislature to pass HB 269.

In 2004, with broad support from the medical community, the Alaska Senate voted 19-1 and the Alaska House of Representatives voted 35-2 to enact House Bill 260 joining over 40 states at the time in providing some immunity for health care services provided free of charge.

We believe the language in HB 269 clarifying that “courtesy licenses” are protected under the current statutory framework is appropriate and consistent with the policy in current law.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to further support passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jana Cole', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jana Cole, MD
President For: The Alaska State Medical Association