

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### Sectional Analysis

#### SB 87-NEWBORN SCREENING FOR HEART DEFECTS

#### DISTRICTS

*Anchor Point*

*Clam Gulch*

*Cohoe*

*Diamond Ridge*

*Fox River*

*Fritz Creek*

*Funny River*

*Halibut Cove*

*Happy Valley*

*Homer*

*Kachemak City*

*Kachemak Selo*

*Kalifornsky*

*Kasilof*

*Kenai*

*Nikolaevsk*

*Ninilchik*

*Razdolna*

*Ridgeway*

*Seldovia*

*Soldotna*

*Voznesenka*

**Section 1 – Adds a new section to AS 18.15 Disease Control and Threats to Public Health, AS 18.15.205 is titled: Screening for congenital heart disease**

**Subsection (a) requires that licensed health care facilities in Alaska conduct a pulse oximetry test on newborns as close to 24 hours after birth as reasonably feasible and before the infant is discharged from the hospital or birthing center.**

**(b) requires a second pulse oximetry test in cases where the initial test was abnormal. Also requires physician, midwife or other qualified profession to advise parents of the necessity of intervention treatment.**

**(c) requires the facility to report test results and results of any intervention treatment to the parents, attending physician and the Department of Health and Social Services**

**(d) requires the facility to provide information on the screening to the parents and allow parents to opt out.**

**(e) requires DHSS to set up a system for facilities to submit testing and other information. Also requires the department to collect and analyze the data.**

**Section 2 – provides smaller hospitals, clinics and birthing centers – facilities with less than 50 beds, an extra two years (until January 1, 2016) to comply with the law in the event new equipment must be acquired.**

**Section 3 – provides larger hospitals and the department at least six months to implement the testing, setting the effective date at January 1, 2014.**