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Sectional Analysis

CS SB 87 Version "Y" - NEWBORN SCREENING FOR HEART DEFECTS

DISTRICT Q

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 a provider of birthing services (defined in subsection (f)) in Alaska conduct a pulse oximetry test on newborns as close to 24 hours after birth as reasonably feasible.

(b) requires the provider to conduct or order confirmatory testing 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 provider to report test results to the parents and to report to the Department of Health and Social Services, whether the test was performed and the results of the test.

(d) requires the provider 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 reports on the number of screenings performed and the results of those screenings.

(f) defines "provider of birthing services" as a physician, midwife, nurse or other qualified professional who attends births as part of their normal practice.

Section 2 – provides smaller hospitals, clinics, birthing centers and home delivery providers – providers who attend to less than 20 births annually, 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.