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

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7 * **Section 1.** AS 08.13.215(c) is amended to read:

8 (c) The owner of a shop for tattooing and permanent cosmetic coloring or for
9 body piercing shall prominently display

10 (1) a copy of the statement provided by the board under
11 AS 08.13.030(b) that advises the public of the health risks and possible consequences
12 of tattooing and permanent cosmetic coloring or body piercing, as applicable;

13 (2) the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the [DIVISION

OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING,] Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development [,] and the Department of Environmental Conservation and a description of how a complaint about the shop or a practitioner in the shop may be filed with either entity or with the board.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.24.260 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.24.260. Investigations. The department may, upon its own motion, and shall, upon the sworn complaint in writing of a customer of a collection agency, investigate the actions of a licensee claimed to have violated this chapter and, for that purpose, shall have free access to the offices and place of business and, if the complaint involves customer accounts, to all pertinent books, accounts, records, papers, files, safes, and vaults of the licensee or certificate holder. If the complaint involves the owing of money, or any other thing of value, by a licensee to the complainant, when the licensee raises the issue of an offset or counterclaim, the **department** [DIVISION] may require the complainant to submit all records and data in the complainant's possession pertaining to the offset or counterclaim.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.26.180 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.26.180. Exemption. A financial institution regulated by the federal government or a financial institution regulated under AS 06 by the [DIVISION IN THE] department [THAT REGULATES BANKING, SECURITIES, AND CORPORATIONS,] is not required to be licensed under this chapter in order to engage in the business of providing services as a guardian or a conservator or be appointed as a private professional guardian or a private professional conservator by a court. In this subsection, "financial institution" does not include a person who is exempt under AS 06.26.020 or who has received an exemption under AS 06.26.200.

* Sec. 4. AS 08.32.071 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.32.071. Renewal of registration. At least 60 days before expiration of a licensee's registration certificate, the **Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development** [DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING] shall mail a form for renewal of registration to each licensed dental hygienist. Each licensee who wishes to renew a registration certificate shall complete the form and return it with the appropriate fee and evidence of continued professional competence

1 as required by the board. The **Department of Commerce, Community, and**
2 **Economic Development** [DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING] shall, as
3 soon as practicable, issue a registration certificate valid for a stated number of years.
4 Each licensee shall keep the registration certificate beside or attached to the licensee's
5 license. Failure to receive the registration form does not exempt a licensee from
6 renewing registration.

7 * **Sec. 5.** AS 08.36.190 is amended to read:

8 **Sec. 08.36.190. Grading of examination.** Upon the conclusion of the written
9 examination and as soon as practicable, the papers shall be rated by an examiner. The
10 examiner shall prepare a report in duplicate on each written examination and a report
11 in duplicate on each practical examination. The examiner shall forward one copy of
12 each report on each candidate to the secretary of the board and one copy to the
13 **department** [DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING]. The secretary shall
14 prepare a composite report on each applicant and file one copy of that report with the
15 **department** [DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING]. As soon as
16 practicable, the **department** [DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING] shall
17 notify each candidate of the results of the examination.

18 * **Sec. 6.** AS 08.36.230 is amended to read:

19 **Sec. 08.36.230. Practice outside the state.** A dentist licensed to practice in
20 this state and residing and practicing dentistry outside this state may maintain
21 eligibility to practice in this state by registering the dentist's name and place of
22 residence with the **department** [DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING]
23 every four years and submitting proof of continued professional competence as
24 required by the board. If the dentist fails to register, the board may reinstate the
25 dentist's license without examination upon payment of applicable fees established by
26 regulations adopted under AS 08.01.065, payment of a penalty established under
27 AS 08.01.100(b), presentation of proof of continued professional competence, and
28 presentation of proof of active practice certified by the dental board having
29 jurisdiction or, if there is no board with jurisdiction, by evidence satisfactory to the
30 board.

31 * **Sec. 7.** AS 08.36.250(a) is amended to read:

(a) At least 60 days before expiration of a licensee's registration certificate, the department [DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING] shall mail a form for renewal of registration to each licensed dentist. A licensee who wishes to renew a license shall complete the form and return it with the appropriate fee and evidence of continued professional competence as required by the board. The department [DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING] shall, as soon as practicable, issue a registration certificate valid for a stated number of years. A licensee shall keep the registration certificate beside or attached to the licensee's license. Failure to receive the registration form does not exempt a licensee from renewing registration.

* **Sec. 8.** AS 08.45.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.45.020. Application for license. A person desiring to practice naturopathy shall apply in writing to the **department** [DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT].

* **Sec. 9.** AS 08.45.030 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.45.030. Issuance of license. The department [DIVISION] shall issue a license to practice naturopathy to an applicant who provides proof satisfactory to the department [DIVISION] that the applicant has received a degree from an accredited four-year college or university, and

(1) on or before December 31, 1987, has graduated from a school of naturopathy that required four years of attendance at the school and after graduation has received a license in another state after passing an examination for licensure in that state and is licensed by a state at the time of application; or

(2) after December 31, 1987, has

(A) graduated from a school of naturopathy that required four years of attendance at the school and at the time of graduation the school was accredited or a candidate for accreditation by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education or a successor organization recognized by the United States Department of Education; and

(B) passed the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination.

* **Sec. 10.** AS 08.45.035(a) is amended to read:

(a) The **department** [DIVISION] shall issue a temporary license to practice naturopathy to an applicant who has applied for and is qualified to take the next Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination offered after the date of application and provides proof satisfactory to the **department** [DIVISION] that the applicant

- (1) meets the requirements of AS 08.45.030(2)(A); and
- (2) has not previously failed the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Examination.

* Sec. 11. AS 08.45.060 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.45.060. Grounds for suspension, revocation, or refusal to issue a license. The department [DIVISION] may, after a hearing, impose a disciplinary sanction on a person licensed under this chapter when the department [DIVISION] finds that the licensee

(1) secured a license through deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation;

(2) engaged in deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation in the course of providing professional services or engaging in professional activities;

(3) advertised professional services in a false or misleading manner;

(4) has been convicted of a felony or other crime that affects the licensee's ability to continue to practice competently and safely;

(5) failed to comply with this chapter, with a regulation adopted under
or with an order of the **department** [DIVISION];

(6) continued to practice after becoming unfit due to

(A) professional incompetence;

(B) addiction or severe dependency on alcohol or a drug that impairs the licensee's ability to practice safely;

(C) physical or mental disability;

(7) engaged in lewd or immoral conduct in connection with the professional service to patients.

* Sec. 12. AS 08.45.070 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.45.070. Disciplinary sanctions. (a) When it finds that a licensee under this chapter has violated AS 08.45.040 - 08.45.050 or is guilty of an offense

1 under AS 08.45.060, the **department** [DIVISION] may impose the following
2 sanctions singly or in combination:

- 3 (1) permanently revoke the license to practice;
- 4 (2) suspend the license for a determinate period of time;
- 5 (3) censure the licensee;
- 6 (4) issue a letter of reprimand to the licensee;
- 7 (5) place the licensee on probationary status and require the licensee to
8 (A) report regularly to the **department** [DIVISION] upon
9 matters involving the basis of probation;
- 10 (B) limit practice to those areas prescribed;
- 11 (C) continue professional education until a satisfactory degree
12 of skill has been attained in areas determined by the **department** [DIVISION]
13 to need improvement;
- 14 (6) impose limitations or conditions on the practice of the licensee.

15 (b) The **department** [DIVISION] may withdraw probationary status of a
16 licensee if it finds that the deficiencies that required the sanction have been remedied.

17 (c) The **department** [DIVISION] may summarily suspend a license before
18 final hearing or during the appeals process if the **department** [DIVISION] finds that
19 the licensee poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if the
20 licensee continues to practice. A licensee whose license is suspended under this
21 section is entitled to a hearing by the **department not** [DIVISION NO] later than
22 seven days after the effective date of the order. The licensee may appeal the
23 suspension after a hearing to a court of competent jurisdiction.

24 * **Sec. 13.** AS 08.45.070(c), as amended by sec. 14, ch. 163, SLA 2004, is further amended
25 to read:

26 (c) The **department** [DIVISION] may summarily suspend a license before
27 final hearing or during the appeals process if the **department** [DIVISION] finds that
28 the licensee poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if the
29 licensee continues to practice. A licensee whose license is suspended under this
30 section is entitled to a hearing conducted by the office of administrative hearings
31 (AS 44.64.010) not later than seven days after the effective date of the order. The

1 licensee may appeal the suspension after a hearing to a court of competent jurisdiction.

2 * **Sec. 14.** AS 08.45.200 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

3 (4) "department" means the Department of Commerce, Community,
4 and Economic Development.

5 * **Sec. 15.** AS 08.64.050 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 08.64.050. Oath of office.** Each member shall take an oath of office.
7 The oath shall be filed and preserved in the [DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL
8 LICENSING OF THE] department.

9 * **Sec. 16.** AS 10.13.810(b) is amended to read:

10 (b) The department may appoint as conservator one of the employees of the
11 [DIVISION OF BANKING, SECURITIES, AND CORPORATIONS OF THE]
12 department or another competent and disinterested person. The department
13 [DIVISION] shall be reimbursed out of the assets of the conservatorship for all money
14 expended by the department [DIVISION] in connection with the conservatorship.
15 Upon the approval of the department, the expenses of the conservatorship paid for by
16 the department [DIVISION] shall be paid out of the assets of the licensee. Payment
17 of the department [DIVISION] expenses shall take priority over other payments from
18 the assets and shall be fully paid before a final distribution is made.

19 * **Sec. 17.** AS 10.20.530 is amended to read:

20 **Sec. 10.20.530. Service on commissioner.** When a foreign corporation
21 authorized to transact business in the state, or not authorized to transact business in the
22 state but doing so, fails to appoint or maintain a registered agent in the state, or when a
23 registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered office, or
24 when the certificate of authority of a foreign corporation is suspended or revoked, the
25 commissioner is an agent upon whom process, notice, or demand may be served.
26 Service on the commissioner shall be made by delivering to and leaving with the
27 commissioner, or the commissioner's [A] designee [IN THE CORPORATION
28 DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT], duplicate copies of the process, notice, or
29 demand, accompanied by a fee established by the department by regulation. The
30 commissioner shall immediately have one copy forwarded by registered or certified
31 mail, addressed to the corporation at its principal office in the state or country under

whose laws it is incorporated. Service on the commissioner is returnable in not less than 30 days.

* **Sec. 18.** AS 13.36.145(b) is amended to read:

(b) The separate fund of securities required by (a)(2) of this section shall be marked as a separate fund for (a)(2) of this section. Withdrawals from or additions to the separate fund may be made from time to time, as long as the required value is maintained. The income of the securities in the separate fund belongs to the corporate trustee. In the statements of its financial condition published or delivered to the [DIVISION OF BANKING, SECURITIES, AND CORPORATIONS IN THE] Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, the corporate trustee shall show as separate items the amount of trust funds that it has deposited with itself and the amount of securities that it holds as security for the payment of the deposits.

* Sec. 19. AS 18.18.100(n) is amended to read:

(n) A hospice program may not use a direct service provider whose name is listed on an abuse registry maintained by the department [DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING]. A hospice program shall contact the department [THE DIVISION] for a determination of whether a prospective direct service provider's name is on an abuse registry maintained by the department [THE DIVISION] and may not allow the person to provide hospice services until the department [THE DIVISION] has responded to the inquiry. The department [DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT] may adopt regulations to implement this subsection. In this subsection, "department" means the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.

* **Sec. 20.** AS 34.80.090(4) is amended to read:

(4) "financial institution" means a financial institution

(A) whose accounts are insured by an agency of the federal government;

(B) that is located in this state and does not meet the

1 requirements of (A) of this paragraph, but is subject to regulation by the
2 [DIVISION OF BANKING, SECURITIES AND CORPORATIONS IN THE]
3 Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; or

4 (C) that is located in another state and does not meet the
5 requirements of (A) of this paragraph, but is subject to regulation in the other
6 state by an agency comparable to the [DIVISION OF BANKING,
7 SECURITIES AND CORPORATIONS IN THE] Department of Commerce,
8 Community, and Economic Development;

9 * **Sec. 21.** AS 37.05.146(c)(34) is amended to read:

10 (34) receipts of the [DIVISION OF THE] Department of Commerce,
11 Community, and Economic Development from its functions relating to [THAT
12 REGULATES] banking, securities, and corporations;

13 * **Sec. 22.** AS 40.25.110(e) is amended to read:

14 (e) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section to the contrary, the Bureau
15 of Vital Statistics and the library archives in the Department of Education and Early
16 Development may continue to charge the same fees that they were charging on
17 September 25, 1990, for performing record searches, and may increase the fees as
18 necessary to recover agency expenses on the same basis that was used by the agency
19 immediately before September 25, 1990. Notwithstanding other provisions of this
20 section to the contrary, the [DIVISION OF BANKING, SECURITIES, AND
21 CORPORATIONS IN THE] Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic
22 Development may continue to charge the same fees that the former Department of
23 Commerce and Economic Development was charging on July 1, 1999, for performing
24 record searches for matters related to banking, securities, and corporations, and
25 may increase the fees as necessary to recover agency expenses on the same basis that
26 was used by the former Department of Commerce and Economic Development
27 immediately before July 1, 1999.

28 * **Sec. 23.** AS 46.03.375(a) is amended to read:

29 (a) The department shall adopt regulations governing the certification of
30 persons who install, test, close, repair, or significantly change the configuration of
31 underground petroleum storage tanks and tank systems. The certification program

1 shall be administered by the [DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING,]
2 Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. In consultation
3 with the Department of Environmental Conservation, the **Department of Commerce,**
4 **Community, and Economic Development** [DIVISION] shall make every reasonable
5 attempt to ensure that opportunities for obtaining certification under this section are
6 available throughout the state. The **Department of Commerce, Community, and**
7 **Economic Development** [DIVISION] shall organize presentation of national training
8 courses that are available in the state and assist residents of isolated communities who
9 request assistance in becoming certified. The **Department of Commerce,**
10 **Community, and Economic Development** [DIVISION] may contract with the
11 University of Alaska, a vocational technical school, or a regional nonprofit
12 organization to provide the education and testing necessary for certification.

13 * **Sec. 24.** AS 46.03.375(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) The **Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic**
15 **Development** [DIVISION] shall establish fees applicable to certification under this
16 section in an amount necessary to cover the costs of the certification program. The
17 fees shall be collected by the **Department of Commerce, Community, and**
18 **Economic Development** [DIVISION].

19 * **Sec. 25.** AS 08.45.200(2) and AS 46.03.375(g)(2) are repealed.

20 * **Sec. 26.** Section 13 of this Act takes effect on the effective date of sec. 14, ch. 163, SLA
21 2004.

22 * **Sec. 27.** Except as provided in sec. 26 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under
23 AS 01.10.070(c).