

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 480(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/14/96

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES THERRIAULT, Kelly

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to physician assistants."

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

3 * Section 1. AS 08.64.107 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 08.64.107. REGULATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND
5 INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDICS. The board shall adopt regulations regarding the
6 licensure [REGISTRATION] of physician assistants and registration of mobile
7 intensive care paramedics, and the medical services that they may perform, including
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9 (1) [THE] educational and other qualifications; [,]

10 (2) [THE] application and registration procedures; [,]

11 (3) [THE] scope of activities authorized; [,] and

12 (4) [THE] responsibilities of the supervising or training physician.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 18.08.089(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) A mobile intensive care paramedic or physician assistant registered or
15 licensed under AS 08.64.107 or an emergency medical technician certified under this

chapter may make a determination and pronouncement of death of a person under the following circumstances:

(1) the paramedic or emergency medical technician is an active member of an emergency medical service certified under this chapter;

(2) neither a physician licensed under AS 08.64 nor a physician exempt from licensure under AS 08.64 is immediately available for consultation by radio or telephone communications;

(3) the paramedic, physician assistant, or emergency medical technician has determined, based on acceptable medical standards, that the person has sustained irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 18.15.310(a) is amended to read:

(a) The withdrawal of blood for a test under AS 18.15.300 - 18.15.320 shall be performed in a medically approved manner. Only a physician or physician assistant licensed under AS 08.64, [PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT REGISTERED UNDER AS 08.64,] registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or certified emergency medical technician may withdraw blood specimens for the purposes of AS 18.15.300 - 18.15.320.