

HOUSE BILL NO. 497

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MULDER BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/12/96

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to chiropractic peer review; and providing for an effective date."

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 08.20.185(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) In addition to peer review authorized under AS 08.01.075, the board may
5 establish a peer review committee to review complaints concerning the reasonableness
6 or appropriateness of care provided, fees charged, or costs for services rendered by a
7 licensee to a patient. A review conducted by a peer review committee under this
8 section may be utilized by the board in considering disciplinary action against a
9 licensee but the results or recommendations of a peer review committee are not
10 binding upon the board. A member of a peer review committee established under
11 this section [CHIROPRACTOR] who in good faith submits a report under this section
12 or participates in an investigation or judicial proceeding related to a report submitted
13 under this section is immune from civil liability for the submission or participation.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.20.185 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

15 (c) Patient records presented to a peer review committee for review under this

1 section that were confidential before their presentation to the committee are
2 confidential to the committee members and to the board members and are not subject
3 to inspection or copying under AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.125. A committee member or
4 board member to whom confidential records are presented under this subsection shall
5 maintain the confidentiality of the records. A person who violates this subsection is
6 guilty of a class B misdemeanor.
7 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).