

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 122(RLS)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/2/98
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to unfair discrimination under a group health insurance policy
2 for services provided by marital and family therapists; and providing for an
3 effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 21.36.090(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) Except to the extent necessary to comply with AS 21.42.365 and AS 21.56,
7 a person may not practice or permit unfair discrimination against a person who
8 provides a service covered under a group health insurance policy that extends coverage
9 on an expense incurred basis, or under a group service or indemnity type contract
10 issued by a nonprofit corporation, if the service is within the scope of the provider's
11 occupational license. In this subsection, "provider" means a state licensed physician,
12 dentist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, nurse midwife, advanced nurse
13 practitioner, naturopath, physical therapist, occupational therapist, marital and family
14 therapist, psychologist, psychological associate, or licensed clinical social worker, or

1 certified direct-entry midwife.

2 * **Sec. 2.** This Act applies to a policy of insurance issued or renewed on or after the
3 effective date of this Act.

4 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 1999.