

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 274(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/30/02

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR OLSON

REPRESENTATIVE McGuire

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act relating to issuance of a locum tenens permit for a physician or osteopath; and**  
2    **providing for an effective date."**

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

4       **\* Section 1.** AS 08.64.275(a) is amended to read:

5               (a) A member of the board or its executive secretary may grant a temporary  
6               permit to a physician or osteopath for the purpose of

7                       **(1) substituting for another physician or osteopath licensed in this**  
8               state;

9                       **(2) being temporarily employed by a physician or osteopath**  
10               **licensed in this state while that physician or osteopath evaluates the permittee for**  
11               **permanent employment; or**

12                       **(3) being temporarily employed by a hospital or community**  
13               **mental health center while the facility attempts to fill a vacant permanent**  
14               **physician or osteopath staff position with a physician or osteopath licensed in this**

1        **state** [. THE PERMIT IS VALID FOR 60 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. IF  
 2        CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT, AN EXTENSION OF THE PERMIT MAY BE  
 3        GRANTED BY THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE].

4        \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.64.275(e) is amended to read:

5                (e) **A permit issued under this section is initially valid for 90 consecutive**  
 6                **calendar days. Upon request by a permittee, a permit issued under this section**  
 7                **shall be extended for 60 calendar days by the board or its designee if, before the**  
 8                **expiration of the initial 90-day permit, the permittee submits to the department a**  
 9                **completed application form and the fee required for licensure under this chapter,**  
 10               **except that the board may refuse to grant a request for an extension for the same**  
 11               **reasons the board may refuse to grant a license under AS 08.64.240.** Permits and  
 12        extensions of permits issued **to an individual** under this section [TO AN  
 13        INDIVIDUAL] are not valid for more than 240 **calendar** days during any consecutive  
 14        24 months.

15        \* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.64.275 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16                (f) Notwithstanding (e) of this section, a permit issued under this section may  
 17        be extended by the board or its designee for a time period that exceeds the limit  
 18        established in (e) of this section if the board or its designee determines that the  
 19        extension is necessary in order to provide essential medical services for the protection  
 20        of public health and safety and the board has received a

- 21                        (1) clearance report from the National Practitioner Data Bank;
- 22                        (2) physician profile from the American Medical Association or the
- 23        American Osteopathic Association;
- 24                        (3) clearance report from the United States Drug Enforcement
- 25        Administration; and
- 26                        (4) completed application form and the fee required for licensure under
- 27        this chapter.

28        \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).