

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 302(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/29/02

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR WILKEN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act defining the term 'mental health professional' for the purpose of statutes**
2 **relating to the evaluation of prisoners who may need psychological or psychiatric**
3 **treatment, for the purpose of statutes relating to the evaluation of children in need of aid**
4 **and delinquent minors who may need to be confined in a secure residential psychiatric**
5 **treatment center or who should be released from such a center, for the purpose of**
6 **statutes requiring certain professionals to report the possibility that a vulnerable adult**
7 **has been abused or neglected, and for the purpose of statutes relating to mental health**
8 **civil commitments."**

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

10 *** Section 1.** AS 47.30.915(11) is amended to read:

11 (11) "mental health professional" means a psychiatrist or physician
12 who is licensed by the State Medical Board to practice in this state or is employed by

1 the federal government; a clinical psychologist licensed by the state Board of
2 Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners; a psychological associate
3 trained in clinical psychology and licensed by the Board of Psychologist and
4 Psychological Associate Examiners; a registered nurse with a master's degree in
5 psychiatric nursing, licensed by the State Board of Nursing; **a marital and family**
6 **therapist licensed by the Board of Marital and Family Therapy; a professional**
7 **counselor licensed by the Board of Professional Counselors;** [AND] a **clinical**
8 social worker **licensed by the Board of Social Work Examiners; and a person who**

9 **(A) has [WITH] a master's degree in the field of mental**
10 **health;**

11 **(B) has at least 12 months of post-masters working** [IN
12 SOCIAL WORK AND SUBSTANTIAL] experience in the field of mental
13 illness; **and**

14 **(C) is working under the supervision of a type of licensee**
15 **listed in this paragraph;**