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MEMORANDUM

February 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Sectional summary of CSSB 166(), Draft "B" Version
(Work Order No. 27-LS1163\B)

TO: Senator Bettye Davis
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FROM: Hilary Martin *Hilary Martin*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1 adds a new paragraph to AS 08.01.010 to include the Board of Medical Laboratory Science Professionals.

Section 2 adds a new paragraph to AS 08.03.010(c) to include the Board of Medical Laboratory Science Professionals.

Section 3 adds a new chapter to AS 08 regarding Medical Laboratory Science Professionals.

Sec. 08.30.010: creates the Board of Medical Laboratory Science Professionals with five members licensed under the chapter and one public member.

Sec. 08.30.020: sets out the board member terms and how to fill a vacancy on the board.

Sec. 08.30.030: sets out the duties of the board.

Sec. 08.30.100: requires a license to perform medical laboratory tests.

Sec. 08.30.110: lists the types of license the board may issue: medical laboratory scientist, medical laboratory technician, medical laboratory assistant, phlebotomy technician, or public health scientist.

Sec. 08.30.120: sets out the scope of practice for each license type.

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Sec. 08.30.130: gives the duration of the license as three years and sets standards for license renewal.

Sec. 08.30.200: sets out the grounds for denial of a license or for imposition of disciplinary sanctions.

Sec. 08.30.210: sets out the exemptions from the license requirement.

Sec. 08.30.299: gives the definitions for terms used in the chapter.

Section 4 adds a new paragraph to AS 44.62.330(a) to add the Board of Medical Laboratory Science Professionals.

Section 5 adds a new section to uncodified law that makes the license requirements applicable immediately to persons who have not been employed in the state before the effective date of this act, and makes the license requirements applicable two years after the effective date of this act for a person who has been employed in the state on at least a half-time basis in three of the previous five years immediately preceding the effective date of this act.

Section 6 adds a new section to uncodified law stating that for up to one year following the effective date of this Act, the licensing provisions do not apply to a person who has acquired at least 1,040 hours of acceptable medical laboratory testing experience during two of the three calendar years preceding the effective date of the act, and who submits a job description to the board. The board will review the job description and issue a license if appropriate. A license issued under this section is subject to the same renewal requirements as other licenses issued under this bill.

Section 7 provides for staggered terms of initial board members.

Section 8 gives an effective date of October 1, 2012.

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