

HOUSE BILL NO. 27

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINA

Introduced: 1/22/25

Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to medical care for major emergencies."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 18.08.010 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 18.08.010. Administration.** The department is responsible for the
5 development, implementation, and maintenance of a statewide comprehensive
6 emergency medical services system and, accordingly, shall

7 (1) coordinate public and private agencies engaged in the planning and
8 delivery of emergency medical services, including trauma care **and care for major**
9 **emergencies**, to plan an emergency medical services system;

10 (2) assist public and private agencies to deliver emergency medical
11 services, including trauma care **and care for major emergencies**, through the award
12 of grants in aid;

13 (3) conduct, encourage, and approve programs of education and
14 training designed to upgrade the knowledge and skills of health personnel involved in
15 emergency medical services, including trauma care **and care for major emergencies**;

1 (4) establish and maintain a process under which hospitals and clinics
2 could represent themselves to be trauma centers **or otherwise capable of treating**
3 **major emergencies** because they voluntarily meet criteria adopted by the department;
4 criteria adopted by the department to implement this paragraph must be based on an
5 applicable national evaluation system.

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.08.200 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

7 (15) "major emergency" includes a heart attack or stroke.