



HB 60 Sectional Analysis

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- Section 1 Amends *AS 12.62.400(a)* to assign responsibility for criminal history checks for the licensing of runaway shelters to the Department of Health rather than the Department of Family and Community Services.
- Section 2 Amends *AS 18.65(f)(1)* to amend the definition of “department” to include the Department of Family and Community Services.
- Section 3 Amends *AS 44.25.260* to add the Commissioner of the Department of Family and Community Services to the list of advisors to Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority board.
- Section 4 Amends *AS 47.05* by adding a new section:
- (1) requiring the Department of Health and Department of Family and Community Services share identifiable health information between and within departments as necessary to enable the efficient and effective administration and operation of both departments;
 - (2) establishing that information acquired, used, disclosed, and stored under this section be stored in a confidential and secure environment;
 - (3) establishes the definition of “identifiable health information” with the existing definition in *AS 18.15.395*.
- Sections 5-9 and 11-14 Amends multiple statutes and adds a new subsection (Section 6) to correctly identify the roles of the Department of Health and the Department of Family and Community Services related to programs for runaway minors. Specifically, the Department of Health is responsible for regulation and licensure, while the Department of Family and Community Services maintains a register of licensed runaway programs, awards community grants, and receives notifications related to minors.
- Section 10 Amends *AS 47.10.396* to clarify that records required by the both the departments that are held by licensed shelters for runaways are considered confidential.
- Section 15 Amends *AS 47.32.032* to provide clarifying language in licensing statute to identify that the Department of Family and Community Services is responsible for foster home licensing and certain types of variances related to the license.

- Sections 16-18 Amends AS 47.32 to provide clarifying language in licensing statute about the respective departments having responsibility for actions related to the entities they license.
- Section 19 Amends AS 47.32.900 to clarify that the Department of Health determines whether a facility can be considered an "assisted living home."
- Section 20 Amends AS 47.32 to add a new definition for "applicable department" in licensing statute to recognize the departments responsibility for actions related to the entities they license.
- Section 21 Repeals AS 47.32.010(c)(3) related to the licensure of shelters for runaways. Specifically, this repeal clarifies other provisions (sections 5-14) in this bill that runaway shelters are licensed by the Department of Health and not the Department of Family and Community Services.
- Section 22 Establishes an immediate effective date.