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## **House Bill 371** **Sectional Analysis**

*"An Act relating to medical review organizations; relating to the definitions of 'health care provider' and 'review organization'; and relating to the duties of the chief medical officer in the Department of Health."*

- Section 1** AS 18.23.030(a) is amended to add an exemption to disclosure of data and is described in Sec 2.
- Section 2** AS 18.23.030 is amended to add a new subsection allowing a review organization to publish a report containing data or information acquired in the exercise of its duties, ensuring the report does not violate federal or state law regarding confidentiality of a person or decedent.
- Section 3** AS 18.23.070(3) Changes the definition of healthcare provider in reference to a review organization to mean a person licensed, certified, or otherwise permitted by law to provide health care services in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession and removes the list of specific provider types.
- Section 4** AS 18.23.070(5)(A) and AS.18.23.070(5)(B) are not modified by HB 371.
- AS 18.23.070(5)(C) The review organization membership is approved by the Chief Medical Officer in the Department of Health and removes the provision that at least 75 percent of the committee members must be health care providers.
- AS 18.23.070(5)(D) Allows all nationally-recognized groups that accredit health care organizations to have review organizations. Current law limits this to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).