



## ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **Section 1. Amends AS 18.80.220(a)**

Subsection (a) forbids employers and labor organization from discriminating against a person because they have medical debt. It also forbids an employer or person to print, publish, broadcast, or otherwise circulate a statement, inquiry, or advertisement in connection with prospective employment that expresses discrimination as it relates to medical debt.

### **Section 2. Amends AS 18.80.240 by adding a new subsection**

The new subsection makes it unlawful to refuse renting a property because of a person's medical debt; discriminate against someone related to the use, lease, or rental of the property because of a person's medical debt; make an inquiry or record of the medical debt of a person looking to rent or lease the property; misrepresent the availability of the property because of someone's medical debt; advertise that a property rental would discriminate against someone with medical debt.

### **Section 3. Amends AS 18.80.300 by adding a new paragraph**

References an existing definition of medical debt in statute.

### **Section 4. Amends AS 45.48 by adding a new section, Section 45.48.800**

Section (a) prohibits the furnishment of medical debt to a credit reporting agency by a medical debt creditor or debt collector. If a collector violates this rule, the debt is void and unenforceable.

Section (b) specifies that a consumer credit reporting agency may not include medical debt in a consumer report or use medical debt in score calculations.

Section (c) provides definitions for medical creditors, medical debt, and medical debt collectors.

### **Section 5.**

Adds an immediate effective date.

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