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SB 202: Resuscitation Protocol Documents

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) standards are updated regularly based on new research. Unfortunately, due to the slow process of changing agency regulations, current state regulations reference outdated and incorrect CPR standards.

For example, when the current resuscitation regulations were adopted in 2002, the gold standard for adult CPR was 15 chest compressions for every two breaths administered. Today, the American Heart Association recommends for trained rescuers two breaths for every 30 compressions, and compressions only for an average bystander. Pediatric standards have also changed significantly since the time current CPR regulations were established.

The International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) is an international group of scientists that reviews studies, makes treatment recommendations, and publishes its findings. The addition of the ILCOR findings to AS 47.05.012 would allow Emergency Medical Services offices and instructors to teach the most current and appropriate resuscitation standards without having to go through the lengthy process of revising agency regulations.

This bill is necessary to maintain a high standard of emergency medical care in Alaska.

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