

LEGAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF LEGAL AND RESEARCH SERVICES
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY
STATE OF ALASKA

(907) 465-3867 or 465-2450
FAX (907) 465-2029
Mail Stop 3101


State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182
Deliveries to: 129 6th St., Rm. 329

MEMORANDUM

January 13, 2014

SUBJECT: Immunity for nonresident health care providers who have been issued temporary courtesy licenses (Work Order No. 28-LS1251\A)

TO: Representative Steve Thompson
Attn: Jane Pierson

FROM: Hilary Martin 
Legislative Counsel

This memo accompanies the draft bill you requested to provide immunity for a nonresident health care provider who provides health care services under the conditions set out in AS 09.65.300.

I believe that the amendment is unnecessary because a person who is issued a temporary license to provide health care under AS 08.01.062 would already be considered a licensed health care provider under existing AS 09.65.300(a)(1). Note that the bill provides that the immunity only applies to a health care provider, not to any occupation regulated by a board or department under AS 08.01.062.

Finally, please be aware of the temporary permitting for a locum tenens practice under AS 08.64.275, which allows a member of the state medical board or its executive secretary to grant a temporary permit to a physician or osteopath licensed in another state, territory, or province to substitute for another physician in the state. I am not sure how the temporary licensing and temporary permitting work together, but you might want to include a reference to this section in order to clarify whether a locum tenens is included as a licensed health care provider under AS 09.65.300.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

HVM:lem
14-009.lem

Enclosure