

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG

Introduced: 3/22/13

Referred: Health and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring screening of newborns for congenital heart defects."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 18.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 18.15.205. Screening for congenital heart disease.** (a) A health care
5 facility licensed in the state that provides birthing services shall ensure that, at least 24
6 hours after birth and before discharge from the facility, screening for congenital heart
7 defects through pulse oximetry is performed on all newborns born at the facility.

8 (b) The attending physician, direct-entry midwife, or other qualified health
9 care professional at a birth in a health care facility in the state shall immediately order
10 or perform confirmatory testing and intervention on a newborn whose pulse oximetry
11 results are abnormal.

12 (c) The health care facility in which pulse oximetry screening under (a) of this
13 section is performed shall annually report to the department the results of screening.