

HOUSE BILL NO. 161

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GATTIS

Introduced: 3/23/15

Referred: Health and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the purchase of durable medical equipment under Medicaid; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47.07.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (g) When the department authorizes the purchase of durable medical
6 equipment under this section, the department shall require a recipient of medical
7 assistance services to purchase used or refurbished durable medical equipment if used
8 or refurbished durable medical equipment

9 (1) is available;

10 (2) is less expensive than new durable medical equipment of the same
11 type;

12 (3) is able to withstand at least three years of use; and

13 (4) meets the needs of the recipient.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.07.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

- 1 (20) "durable medical equipment" means equipment that
2 (A) can withstand repeated use;
3 (B) is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical
4 purpose;
5 (C) generally is not useful to an individual in the absence of an
6 illness or injury; and
7 (D) is appropriate for use in the home, school, or community.
8 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).