

**SENATE BILL NO. 169**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY SENATOR GIESSEL**

**Introduced: 1/31/18**

**Referred: Health and Social Services**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the definition of 'supervision or direct supervision' for purposes of**  
2 **medical assistance coverage of behavioral health clinic services."**

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 (h) For purposes of medical assistance coverage, the department may require  
6 behavioral health clinic services to be provided by or under the supervision or direct  
7 supervision of a psychiatrist licensed under AS 08.64. In this subsection, "supervision  
8 or direct supervision" means that a psychiatrist licensed under AS 08.64 is available to  
9 provide clinical oversight or consultation to the supervisee either in person or by a  
10 communication device.

11 **\* Sec. 2.** 7 AAC 135.030(e) is annulled.