

**HOUSE BILL NO. 191**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES MINA, Story, Fields, Himschoot**

**Introduced: 5/3/23**

**Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to medical care for major emergencies."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 18.08.010 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 18.08.010. Administration.** The department is responsible for the  
5 development, implementation, and maintenance of a statewide comprehensive  
6 emergency medical services system and, accordingly, shall

7 (1) coordinate public and private agencies engaged in the planning and  
8 delivery of emergency medical services, including trauma care **and care for major**  
9 **emergencies**, to plan an emergency medical services system;

10 (2) assist public and private agencies to deliver emergency medical  
11 services, including trauma care **and care for major emergencies**, through the award  
12 of grants in aid;

13 (3) conduct, encourage, and approve programs of education and  
14 training designed to upgrade the knowledge and skills of health personnel involved in  
15 emergency medical services, including trauma care **and care for major emergencies**;

1                   (4) establish and maintain a process under which hospitals and clinics  
2                   could represent themselves to be trauma centers **or otherwise capable of treating**  
3                   **major emergencies** because they voluntarily meet criteria adopted by the department;  
4                   criteria adopted by the department to implement this paragraph must be based on an  
5                   applicable national evaluation system.

6                   \* **Sec. 2.** AS 18.08.200 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

7                   (15) "major emergency" includes a heart attack or stroke.