

year following purchase.

(b) If more than one person is eligible for a first option under (a) of this section, the director shall determine priority by granting precedence first to the person who demonstrates the greatest need for the unoccupied land in order to establish an economic unit and, secondly, to the eligible person who occupies land that is most readily accessible to the unoccupied land to be sold or leased. In the event that two or more persons have approximately equal qualifications for priority under this section, the director shall grant priority to that person who is a veteran. If more than one person is approximately equally well qualified under this section, the director may determine priority by lot.

(c) The director shall dispose of the lands under this section at their fair ap-

praised market value and shall adopt regulations which are necessary to ensure that land sold or leased under this section is for bona fide agricultural purposes and not for speculation.

(d) When not in conflict with this section, other provisions of secs. 45 - 105 of this chapter apply to disposals under this section.

(e) For the purposes of this section,

(1) "agricultural purposes" includes farming, ranching, grazing, and storage or control of agricultural crops or livestock;

(2) "approximate vicinity" includes an area in which the land does not have a common boundary to presently held land or in which the land is physically separate from presently held land by any type of barrier.

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CHAPTER 98

AN ACT

Regarding reports by physicians and other persons of injuries to children caused by abuse or neglect.

(S.B. 91)

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

Section 1. AS 11 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

Chapter 67. Reports and records.

Article 1. Reports of Injuries to children caused by abuse or neglect.

Sec. 11.67.010 **Persons Who May Report.** (a) A physician, resident, intern or nurse who, during the examination or treatment of a child, has cause to believe that the child has suffered physical injury as a result of abuse or neglect may report the injury in accordance with sec. 20 of this chapter.

(b) A school teacher or social worker who, while acting in an official capacity, has cause to believe that a child has suffered injury as a result of abuse or neglect may report the injury in accordance with sec. 20 of this chapter.

Sec. 11.67.020 **Reports.** (a) An oral report of the injury should be made to the nearest office of the department, or if an office of the department is not in the vicinity where the injury is discovered, an oral report should be made to the nearest law enforcement authority. In areas of the state where it is impractical to make an oral report, a written report should be made.

(b) Oral and written reports should contain

(1) the names and addresses of the child and the parents or guardians, if known;

(2) the child's age and the nature and extent of the injury, including evidence of previous injuries;

(3) information which might assist in determining the cause of injury and the identity of the person or persons responsible for the injury.

Sec. 11.67.030. **Distribution of reports.** The law enforcement authority receiving a report of injury shall immediately forward the information contained in an oral report or a copy of the written report to the nearest office of the department.

Sec. 11.67.040. **Action On Reports.** Upon receipt of a report of injury, the department shall investigate and take action, as prescribed by law, which may be necessary to prevent further injury to the child or to insure the proper care and protection of the child. The department shall forward the results of an investigation made pursuant to a report to the district attorney of the area in which the injury was discovered.

Sec. 11.67.050 **Immunity.** A person who in good faith complies with sec. 10 of this chapter, or participates in judicial proceedings resulting from the submission of reports permitted by sec. 20 of this chapter, is immune from any civil or criminal liability which might otherwise be incurred or imposed.

Sec. 11.67.060 **Evidence not Privileged.** Neither the physician-patient nor the husband-wife privilege shall be a ground for excluding evidence regarding a child's injury, or its cause, in a judicial proceeding resulting from a report made under this chapter.

Sec. 11.67.070. **Definitions.** In secs. 10-60 of this chapter

(1) "abuse" means the wilful in-

fliction of physical injury upon the body of a child;

(2) "child" means a person under 16 years of age;

(3) "department" means the Department of Health and Welfare;

(4) "law enforcement authority" means the state police or the police department of a political subdivision of the state;

(5) "neglect" means the wilful failure to provide necessary food, care, clothing, shelter, or medical attention for the child;

(6) "nurse" means a person licensed to practice professional or practical nursing in this state or the United States Public Health Service assigned to duty within the state;

(7) "physician" means a doctor of medicine or chiropractic licensed to practice in the state or employed by the United States Public Health Service and assigned to duty in the state.

Sec. 2. Sec. 11.67.060 of this Act amends Rule 43(h)(1) and(4) of the Rules of Civil Procedure by making an exception to the husband-wife privilege set out in paragraph (1) and the doctor-patient privilege set out in paragraph (4). Sec. 11.67.060 of this Act must receive an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the full membership of each house in order to be effective.

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CHAPTER 99

AN ACT

To provide public buildings for the use of the state; and providing for an effective date.

(S.B. 144)

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

Section 1. AS 18.55.010 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.55.010 **Purpose of Secs. 10 - 290 of This Chapter.** The purpose of secs. 10-290 of this chapter is to remedy the acute

housing shortage that exists in certain localities of the state by undertaking slum clearance, low-cost housing projects, housing for persons and their families engaged in national defense activities in the state, and housing projects and housing for veterans of World War II and other citizens of the state and to remedy