



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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## AN ACT

Relating to persons engaged in the healing arts.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

\* Section 1. AS 08 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

#### CHAPTER 2. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

##### Sec. 08.02.010. PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION REQUIREMENTS.

(a) A person licensed in the state as a chiropractor as defined in AS 08.20.220, a dentist as defined in AS 08.36.-360, a medical practitioner or osteopath as defined in AS 08.64.380, a professional nurse as defined in AS 08.68.-410, an optometrist as defined in AS 08.72.300(3), a registered pharmacist under AS 08.80, a registered physical therapist under AS 08.84, or a psychologist under AS 08.86, shall professionally identify himself by the use of appropriate letters or a title after his name which represents his specific field of practice. The letters or title shall appear on all signs, stationery, or other advertising in which the person offers or displays his professional services to the public. In addition, a person engaged in the practice of medicine or osteopathy under AS 08.64.380(2), or a person engaged in any manner in the healing arts who diagnoses, treats, tests, or counsels other persons in relation to human health or disease and identifies himself by using the letters "M.D." or the title "doctor" or "physician" or any other title which tends to show that the person is willing or qualified to diagnose, treat, test, or counsel another person, shall clarify the letters or title by adding the appropriate specialist designation, if any, such as "dermatologist", "radiologist", "audiologist", "naturopath", or the like.

(b) A person subject to (a) of this section who fails to comply with the requirements of (a) of this section, shall be given notice of his noncompliance by his appropriate licensing board. If, after a reasonable time, with opportunity for a hearing, his noncompliance continues, the board may suspend or revoke his license or registration, or administer other disciplinary action which in its determination is appropriate.