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Chapter No.

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AN ACT

Exempting certain persons from the requirement to be licensed as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant; and providing for an effective date.

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

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 11

UNDERLINED MATERIAL INDICATES TEXT THAT IS BEING ADDED TO THE LAW AND BRACKETED MATERIAL IN CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATES DELETIONS FROM THE LAW; COMPLETELY NEW TEXT OR MATERIAL REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE INTRODUCTORY LINE OF EACH BILL SECTION.

Approved by the Governor: May 27, 1988
Actual Effective Date: May 28, 1988

AN ACT

Exempting certain persons from the requirement to be licensed as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant; and providing for an effective date.

* Section 1. AS 08.84.150(b) is amended to read:

(b) A person may not provide services that the person describes as [PRACTICE] occupational therapy without being licensed unless the person is

(1) a student in an accredited occupational therapy program or in a supervised field work program;

(2) a graduate of a foreign school of occupational therapy fulfilling the internship requirement of AS 08.84.032, and then only unless under the continuous direction and immediate supervision of an occupational therapist;

(3) an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant employed by the United States Government while in the discharge of official duties; [OR]

(4) granted a limited permit under AS 08.84.075;

(5) licensed under this title and uses occupational therapy skills in the practice of the profession for which the license is issued; or

(6) employed as a teacher or teacher's aide by an educational institution and is required to use occupational therapy skills

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1 during the course of employment, if

2 (A) the occupational therapy skills are used under a
3 program implemented by the employer and developed by a licensed
4 occupational therapist;

5 (B) the employer maintains direct supervision of the
6 person's use of occupational therapy skills; and

7 (C) the person does not represent to

8 (i) be an occupational therapist or occupational
9 therapy assistant; and

10 (ii) practice occupational therapy.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 08.84.190(3) is amended to read:

12 (3) "occupational therapy" means, for compensation, the use
13 of purposeful activity, evaluation, treatment, and consultation with
14 human beings whose ability to cope with the tasks of daily living are
15 threatened with, or impaired by developmental deficits, learning
16 disabilities, aging, poverty, cultural differences, physical injury or
17 illness, or psychological and social disabilities to maximize indepen-
18 dence, prevent disability, and maintain health; "occupational therapy"
19 includes

20 (A) developing daily living, play, leisure, social,
21 and developmental skills;

22 (B) facilitating perceptual-motor and sensory inte-
23 grative functioning;

24 (C) enhancing functional performance, prevocational
25 skills, and work capabilities using specifically designed exer-
26 cises, therapeutic activities and measure, manual intervention,
27 and appliances;

28 (D) design, fabrication, and application of splints o:
29 selective adaptive equipment;

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1 (E) administering and interpreting standardized and
2 nonstandardized assessments, including sensory, manual muscle,
3 and range of motion assessments, necessary for planning effective
4 treatment; and

5 (F) adapting environments for the disabled;

6 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
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