

SENATE BILL NO. 281

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/9/96

Referred: L&C, STA, JUD

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to unfair discrimination against a marital and family therapist
2 under a group health insurance policy."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 21.36.090(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) Except to the extent necessary to comply with AS 21.42.365 and AS 21.56,
6 a person may not practice or permit unfair discrimination against a person who
7 provides a service covered under a group disability policy that extends coverage on an
8 expense incurred basis, or under a group service or indemnity type contract issued by
9 a nonprofit corporation, if the service is within the scope of the provider's occupational
10 license. In this subsection, "provider" means a state licensed physician, **marital and**
11 **family therapist**, dentist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, nurse midwife, advanced
12 nurse practitioner, naturopath, physical therapist, occupational therapist, psychologist,
13 psychological associate, or licensed clinical social worker, or certified direct-entry
14 midwife.