

HOUSE BILL NO. 168

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/8/95

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to temporary permits for certain optometrists."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 08.72 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 Sec. 08.72.172. PERMIT FOR LOCUM TENENS PRACTICE. (a) A
5 member of the board may issue a temporary permit to a nonresident optometrist for
6 the purpose of assisting or substituting for an optometrist licensed under this chapter.
7 The office employing an optometrist with a permit under this section must be an
8 established practice, as determined under regulations adopted by the board, and be
9 owned by a licensed optometrist whose practice is full time.

10 (b) A permit issued under this section is valid for 60 consecutive days and
11 may be renewed up to three times within a 12-month period if circumstances warrant.
12 Permits issued under this section are not valid for more than 240 consecutive days of
13 practice within a 12-month period.

14 (c) A person who applies for a permit under this section shall pay the required
15 fee and furnish proof of

- 1 (1) meeting the requirements of AS 08.72.140; and
2 (2) holding a valid license to practice optometry issued by a state or
3 territory of the United States or by a province or territory of Canada.
4 (d) Within 10 days after a permit has been issued under this section, the board
5 member shall forward to the department a report of the issuance of the permit.