

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 168(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/17/95

Referred: Labor and Commerce

Sponsor(s): HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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) The board
5 may issue a temporary permit to a nonresident optometrist for the purpose of assisting
6 or substituting for an optometrist licensed under this chapter. The optometrist who
7 will be assisted or for whom the nonresident optometrist will be substituting shall
8 submit a written request to the board asking for the locum tenens permit to be issued
9 for the nonresident. A resident optometrist licensed under this chapter may not request
10 more than one locum tenens permit within a 12-month period.

11 (b) A permit issued under this section is valid for 60 consecutive days and
12 may be renewed up to two times within a 12-month period if circumstances warrant.
13 Permits issued under this section are not valid for more than 180 consecutive days of
14 practice within a 12-month period.

15 (c) A person who applies for a permit under this section shall pay the required

1 fee and furnish proof of

2 (1) holding a valid, current, and unrestricted license to practice
3 optometry issued by a state or territory of the United States or by a province or
4 territory of Canada, Australia, or New Zealand; and

5 (2) there being no unresolved complaints or formal charges filed against
6 the applicant with a licensing board.

7 (d) Within 10 days after a permit has been issued under this section, the board
8 shall forward to the department a report of the issuance of the permit.

9 (e) The board shall issue to a permittee under this section an endorsement or
10 other evidence of authorization to use pharmaceutical agents or perform other special
11 procedures that are not authorized under a general license issued under AS 08.72.150
12 if the permittee

13 (1) meets the requirements of this chapter for obtaining the
14 endorsement or other authorization; or

15 (2) met requirements substantially similar to those of this chapter for
16 the use of pharmaceutical agents or performance of other special procedures, as
17 applicable, under the license granted to the permittee in the jurisdiction for which the
18 permittee furnished proof of licensure under (c)(1) of this section.