

**HOUSE BILL NO. 480**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/9/96

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to physician assistants, including the treatment of their services  
2 under group health insurance policies."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.64.107 is amended to read:

5           Sec. 08.64.107. REGULATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND  
6 INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDICS. The board shall adopt regulations regarding the  
7 licensure [REGISTRATION] of physician assistants and registration of mobile  
8 intensive care paramedics, and the medical services that they may perform, including  
9 the

- 10                           (1) [THE] educational and other qualifications; [,]  
11                           (2) [THE] application and registration procedures; [,]  
12                           (3) [THE] scope of activities authorized; [,] and  
13                           (4) [THE] responsibilities of the supervising or training physician.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 18.08.089(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) A mobile intensive care paramedic or physician assistant registered **or**  
2 **licensed** under AS 08.64.107 or an emergency medical technician certified under this  
3 chapter may make a determination and pronouncement of death of a person under the  
4 following circumstances:

5 (1) the paramedic or emergency medical technician is an active member  
6 of an emergency medical service certified under this chapter;

7 (2) neither a physician licensed under AS 08.64 nor a physician exempt  
8 from licensure under AS 08.64 is immediately available for consultation by radio or  
9 telephone communications;

10 (3) the paramedic, physician assistant, or emergency medical technician  
11 has determined, based on acceptable medical standards, that the person has sustained  
12 irreversible cessation of circulatory and respiratory functions.

13 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 18.15.310(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) The withdrawal of blood for a test under AS 18.15.300 - 18.15.320 shall  
15 be performed in a medically approved manner. Only a physician **or physician**  
16 **assistant** licensed under AS 08.64, [PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT REGISTERED  
17 UNDER AS 08.64,] registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or certified emergency  
18 medical technician may withdraw blood specimens for the purposes of AS 18.15.300 -  
19 18.15.320.

20 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 21.36.090(d) is amended to read:

21 (d) Except to the extent necessary to comply with AS 21.42.365 and AS 21.56,  
22 a person may not practice or permit unfair discrimination against a person who  
23 provides a service covered under a group disability policy that extends coverage on an  
24 expense incurred basis, or under a group service or indemnity type contract issued by  
25 a nonprofit corporation, if the service is within the scope of the provider's occupational  
26 license. In this subsection, "provider" means a state licensed physician, **physician**  
27 **assistant**, dentist, osteopath, optometrist, chiropractor, nurse midwife, advanced nurse  
28 practitioner, naturopath, physical therapist, occupational therapist, psychologist,  
29 psychological associate, or licensed clinical social worker, or certified direct-entry  
30 midwife.