

HOUSE BILL NO. 41

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROKEBERG

Introduced: 1/13/97

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to impairment rating guides used in evaluation of certain
2 workers' compensation claims."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 23.30.190(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) All determinations of the existence and degree of permanent impairment
6 shall be made strictly and solely under the whole person determination as set out in
7 the most recently published edition of the American Medical Association Guides to
8 the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, except that an impairment rating may not be
9 rounded to the next five percent. When a new edition of the American Medical
10 Association Guides is published, the board shall begin using the new edition not
11 later than 90 days after the date of publication. The board shall adopt a
12 supplementary recognized schedule for injuries that cannot be rated by use of the
13 American Medical Association Guides.