

**HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 122(STA)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/23/98**

**Referred: Labor and Commerce, House Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations**

**Sponsor(s): SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**1 "An Act relating to unfair discrimination under a group health insurance policy**  
**2 for services provided by marital and family therapists; and providing for an**  
**3 effective date."**

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

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

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

1 certified direct-entry midwife.

2 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act applies to a policy of insurance issued or renewed on or after the  
3 effective date of this Act.

4 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1998.