

HOUSE BILL NO. 29

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES CROFT AND PHILLIPS, Kemplen, Kerttula

Introduced: 1/19/99

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act requiring that the cost of contraceptives and related health care services
2 be included in health insurance coverage."

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

4 * **Section 1.** SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Contraceptive Coverage Act
5 of 1999.

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **Sec. 21.42.390. Coverage for contraceptives.** (a) Except for a fraternal
8 benefit society, a policy issued to an individual, or a qualified church-controlled
9 organization with a religious-based objection, a health care insurer that offers, issues
10 for delivery, delivers, or renews in this state a health care insurance plan shall provide
11 coverage for contraceptives and related health care services. The coverage required
12 under this section is subject to standard policy provisions applicable to other benefits,
13 including deductible or copayment provisions.

14 (b) In this section,

1 (1) "contraceptives" includes an appliance, a drug, or a medicinal
2 preparation intended for the prevention of conception;

3 (2) "health care services" includes consultations, examinations,
4 procedures, and services medically necessary to prescribe or administer contraceptives;

5 (3) "qualified church-controlled organization" has the meaning given
6 in 26 U.S.C. 3121(w)(3).