

HOUSE BILL NO. 302

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/21/00

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to disclosure of public assistance information to report suspected**
2 **abuse or neglect of children or vulnerable adults."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 47.05.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (d) It is not a violation of (a) of this section for the department, an employee
6 of the department, or a staff employee of a departmental contractor or grantee to
7 disclose information concerning a person applying for or receiving public assistance
8 to (1) the department's division assigned to family and youth services matters if the
9 employee has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has suffered harm as a result of
10 child abuse or neglect as defined in AS 47.17.290; or (2) the Department of
11 Administration's central information and referral service for vulnerable adults if the
12 employee has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable adult is suffering from
13 abandonment, exploitation, abuse, neglect, or self-neglect as those terms are defined
14 in AS 47.24.900. Information provided under this subsection shall remain confidential

1 and may not be further disclosed except as provided in AS 47.17 and AS 47.24.