

HOUSE BILL NO. 76

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROKEBERG

Introduced: 1/19/01

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act authorizing the commissioner of health and social services to provide for the**
2 **design and construction of psychiatric treatment facilities to replace the facilities of the**
3 **Alaska Psychiatric Institute."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 REPLACEMENT OF THE FACILITIES OF THE ALASKA PSYCHIATRIC
8 INSTITUTE. The commissioner of health and social services shall provide, subject to an
9 appropriation by the legislature, for the design and construction of psychiatric treatment
10 facilities to replace the current facilities of the Alaska Psychiatric Institute. The replacement
11 facilities must include a forensic psychiatric unit to be operated by the Department of
12 Corrections that is separate from other elements of the facilities. In this section, "forensic
13 psychiatric unit" means a facility for the assessment, treatment, custody, and confinement of
14 mentally abnormal criminal offenders. The commissioner shall cooperate with the

- 1 Department of Corrections, the University of Alaska Anchorage, Providence Hospital in
- 2 Anchorage, and the Municipality of Anchorage in the design and construction of the
- 3 replacement facilities.