

HOUSE BILL NO. 115

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 2/7/01

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act allowing a physician assistant or advanced nurse practitioner to certify the**
2 **need for emergency treatment as a result of intoxication."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 47.37.180(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) The certifying physician, **physician assistant, advanced nurse**
6 **practitioner,** spouse, guardian, or relative of the person to be committed, or any other
7 responsible person, may make a written application for commitment under this
8 section, directed to the administrator of the approved public treatment facility. The
9 application must state facts to support the need for emergency treatment and be
10 accompanied by a physician's, **physician assistant's, or advanced nurse**
11 **practitioner's** certificate supporting the need for emergency treatment and stating that
12 the physician, **physician assistant, or advanced nurse practitioner** has examined the
13 person sought to be committed within two days before the certificate's date.

14 *** Sec. 2.** AS 47.37.180(f) is amended to read:

1 (f) A copy of the written application for commitment and of the physician's,
2 physician assistant's, or advanced nurse practitioner's certificate, and a written
3 explanation of the person's right to legal counsel, shall be given to the person within
4 24 hours after commitment by the administrator, who shall provide a reasonable
5 opportunity for the person to consult with legal counsel.