

**SENATE BILL NO. 108**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR OLSON

Introduced: 2/21/01

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.