

**SENATE BILL NO. 274**

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

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Introduced: 2/1/02  
Referred: Labor and Commerce

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to issuance of a locum tenens permit for a physician or osteopath; and  
2 providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.64.275(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A member of the board or its executive secretary may grant a temporary  
6 permit to a physician or osteopath for the purpose of

7 (1) substituting for another physician or osteopath licensed in this  
8 state; or

9 (2) being temporarily employed by a physician or osteopath  
10 licensed in this state while that physician or osteopath evaluates the permittee for  
11 permanent employment [. THE PERMIT IS VALID FOR 60 CONSECUTIVE  
12 DAYS. IF CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT, AN EXTENSION OF THE PERMIT  
13 MAY BE GRANTED BY THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE].

14 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.64.275(e) is amended to read:

1           (e) **A permit issued under this section is initially valid for 60 consecutive**  
 2 **calendar days. A permit issued under (a)(1) of this section may be extended by**  
 3 **the board or its designee, but, except as provided in (f) of this section, permits**  
 4 [PERMITS] and extensions of permits issued **to an individual** under **(a)(1) of** this  
 5 section [TO AN INDIVIDUAL] are not valid for more than 240 **calendar** days during  
 6 any consecutive 24 months. **Except as provided in (f) of this section, a permit**  
 7 **issued under (a)(2) of this section may not be extended and not more than one**  
 8 **permit may be issued to an individual under (a)(2) of this section during any**  
 9 **consecutive 12-month period.**

10 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 08.64.275 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11           (f) Notwithstanding (e) of this section, a permit issued under (a)(2) of this  
 12 section may be extended and a permit issued under (a)(1) of this section may be  
 13 extended for a time period that exceeds the limits established in (e) of this section if  
 14 the board or its designee determines that the extension is necessary in order to provide  
 15 essential medical services for the protection of public health and safety.  
 16 Notwithstanding (e) of this section, the board or its designee shall also grant a  
 17 reasonable extension of a permit issued under this section if the permit holder

18                   (1) will be practicing in a health professional shortage area, as  
 19 designated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under 42  
 20 U.S.C. 254e; or

21                   (2) is the only physician or osteopath with a particular type of medical  
 22 training or experience who will be practicing in the census area covered by the  
 23 practice for which the permit is issued.

24 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).