

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 302(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/11/02

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR WILKEN

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act defining the term 'mental health professional' for the purpose of statutes  
2 relating to the evaluation of prisoners who may need psychological or psychiatric  
3 treatment, for the purpose of statutes relating to the evaluation of children in need of aid  
4 and delinquent minors who may need to be confined in a secure residential psychiatric  
5 treatment center or who should be released from such a center, for the purpose of  
6 statutes requiring certain professionals to report the possibility that a vulnerable adult  
7 has been abused or neglected, and for the purpose of statutes relating to mental health  
8 civil commitments."

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

10 \* **Section 1.** AS 47.30.915(11) is amended to read:

11 (11) "mental health professional" means a psychiatrist or physician  
12 who is licensed by the State Medical Board to practice in this state or is employed by

1 the federal government; a clinical psychologist licensed by the state Board of  
 2 Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners; a psychological associate  
 3 trained in clinical psychology and licensed by the Board of Psychologist and  
 4 Psychological Associate Examiners; a registered nurse with a master's degree in  
 5 psychiatric nursing, licensed by the State Board of Nursing; **a marital and family**  
 6 **therapist licensed by the Board of Marital and Family Therapy; a professional**  
 7 **counselor licensed by the Board of Professional Counselors;** [AND] a **clinical**  
 8 social worker **licensed by the Board of Social Work Examiners; and a person who**

9 **(A) has [WITH] a master's degree in the field of mental**  
 10 **health;**

11 **(B) has at least 12 months of post-masters working [IN**  
 12 SOCIAL WORK AND SUBSTANTIAL] experience in the field of mental  
 13 illness;

14 **(C) has submitted an application form and application fee**  
 15 **for licensure by a board named in this paragraph; and**

16 **(D) is working under the supervision of a type of licensee**  
 17 **listed in this paragraph;**