

**HOUSE BILL NO. 236**

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

**BY REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA**

**Introduced: 3/29/05**

**Referred: State Affairs, Labor and Commerce**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act prohibiting unfair discrimination against an acupuncturist."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 21.36.090(d) is amended to read:

4 (d) Except to the extent necessary to comply with AS 21.42.365 and  
5 AS 21.56, a person may not practice or permit unfair discrimination against a person  
6 who provides a service covered under a group health insurance policy that extends  
7 coverage on an expense incurred basis, or under a group service or indemnity type  
8 contract issued by a health maintenance organization or a nonprofit corporation, if the  
9 service is within the scope of the provider's occupational license. In this subsection,  
10 "provider" means a state licensed physician, physician assistant, dentist, osteopath,  
11 optometrist, chiropractor, nurse midwife, advanced nurse practitioner, naturopath,  
12 physical therapist, occupational therapist, marital and family therapist, psychologist,  
13 psychological associate, licensed clinical social worker, [OR] certified direct-entry  
14 midwife, or acupuncturist.