

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 236

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERTTULA

Introduced: 1/30/06

Referred: State Affairs, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act prohibiting unfair discrimination against an acupuncturist; and amending the**
2 **definition of 'provider' as it relates to authorized collective negotiations by physicians**
3 **affecting the rights of providers under health benefit plans."**

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

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

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

1 psychological associate, licensed clinical social worker, [OR] certified direct-entry
2 midwife, or acupuncturist.