

SENATE BILL NO. 208

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring hospitals to collect data and disclose reports of hospital-acquired**
2 **infections; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 18.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 18.20.076. Hospital data collection and reporting.** (a) A hospital shall
6 collect data on all hospital-acquired infection rates for

7 (1) surgical site infections;

8 (2) ventilator-associated pneumonia;

9 (3) central-line-related bloodstream infections;

10 (4) urinary tract infections; and

11 (5) other categories of infections as adopted by the department by
12 regulation.

13 (b) A hospital shall, after collecting data required under (a) of this section,
14 prepare and disclose quarterly reports to the public in a format required by the

1 department by regulation. Data included in a quarterly report

2 (1) must cover a period ending not earlier than one month before
3 submission of the report;

4 (2) may not contain confidential patient information; and

5 (3) must disclose information in a way that does not identify an
6 individual who was involved in an incident of infection.

7 (c) A quarterly report prepared under (b) of this section is a public record. The
8 department shall cause each quarterly report to be posted at the hospital that submitted
9 the report and to be available upon request.

10 (d) If a hospital is a division or subsidiary of another entity that owns or
11 operates other hospitals or related organizations, the quarterly report required under
12 this section shall be prepared separately for each division or subsidiary.

13 (e) In this section, "hospital-acquired infection" means a localized or systemic
14 condition that results from an adverse reaction to the presence of an infectious agent or
15 agents or its or their toxin or toxins that were not present or incubating at the time of
16 admission to the hospital.

17 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
18 read:

19 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Health and Social Services may
20 proceed to adopt regulations necessary to implement sec. 1 of this Act. The regulations take
21 effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the
22 statutory change.

23 * **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2007.