

SENATE BILL NO. 280

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

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Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to approval of insurance policy forms or associated materials in**
2 **foreign languages, and providing that the English version of policy forms or associated**
3 **materials is the official version if certain conditions are met."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 21.42 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 21.42.175. Foreign language translations.** (a) The director may approve
7 an insurance policy form or associated material in a language other than English if the
8 insurance policy form or associated material

9 (1) is provided along with a copy of the same material in English; and

10 (2) discloses, in both English and the language other than English, that
11 the English language version is the official version and the foreign language version is
12 for informational purposes only.

13 (b) The English language version of an insurance policy form or associated
14 material shall be the official version for purposes of application and interpretation if

1 the insurance policy form or associated material

2 (1) is provided along with a copy of the same material in English; and

3 (2) discloses, in both English and the language other than English, that
4 the English language version is the official version and the foreign language version is
5 for informational purposes only.

6 (c) An insurer that knowingly misrepresents information in an insurance
7 policy form or associated material translated into a language other than English is
8 subject to the general penalty for violations of this title under AS 21.90.020.