

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 121(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/22/07

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES WILSON, Ramras, Olson

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to release of information in individual workers' compensation records;**
2 **and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 23.30.107(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) Medical or rehabilitation records, **and the employee's name, address,**
6 **social security number, electronic mail address, and telephone number contained**
7 **on any record,** in an employee's file maintained by the division or held by the board
8 **or the commission** are not public records subject to public inspection and copying
9 under AS 40.25. This subsection does not prohibit

10 (1) the reemployment benefits administrator, the division, the board,
11 **the commission,** or the department from releasing medical or rehabilitation records in
12 an employee's file, without the employee's consent, to a physician providing medical
13 services under AS 23.30.095(k) or 23.30.110(g), a party to a claim filed by the
14 employee, or a governmental agency; or

1 (2) the quoting or discussing of medical or rehabilitation records
2 contained in an employee's file during a hearing on a claim for compensation or in a
3 decision or [AND] order of the board or commission.

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 23.30.107 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (d) An employee may elect to authorize the disclosure of the employee's
6 name, address, social security number, electronic mail address, and telephone number
7 contained in a record described in (b) of this section by signing a declaration on a form
8 provided by the division.

9 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).