

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 121(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/9/07

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).