

HOUSE BILL NO. 416

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/29/08

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Health, Education and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Mental
2 Health Trust Authority and the Alaska Mental Health Board."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 47.30.016(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) The board consists of seven members appointed by the governor and
6 confirmed by the legislature, **two of whom are licensed mental health professionals**
7 **and one of whom is a psychiatrist licensed in the state.** The members appointed
8 under this subsection shall be appointed

9 (1) based upon their ability in financial management and investment,
10 in land management, or in services for the beneficiaries of the trust;

11 (2) after the governor has considered a list of persons prepared by a
12 panel of six persons who are beneficiaries, or who are the guardians, family members,
13 or representatives of beneficiaries; the panel shall consist of

14 (A) one person selected by the Alaska Mental Health Board

1 established by AS 47.30.661;

2 (B) one person selected by the Governor's Council on
3 Disabilities and Special Education;

4 (C) one person selected by the Advisory Board on Alcoholism
5 and Drug Abuse established by AS 44.29.100;

6 (D) one person selected by the Alaska Commission on Aging
7 established by AS 47.45.200;

8 (E) one person selected by the Alaska Native Health Board;
9 and

10 (F) one person selected by the authority.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 47.30.662(e) is amended to read:

12 (e) The board members shall include at least two licensed mental health
13 professionals who represent public and private providers of mental health services,
14 **one of whom is a psychiatrist licensed in the state,** and at least one member who is
15 admitted to practice law in the state. Members appointed under this subsection may
16 also be family members identified under (b) of this section.