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SENATE BILL NO. 93

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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REPRESENTATIVE Gardner

Introduced: 2/22/07

Referred: Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to licensed professional counselors; and relating to the unlicensed use
2 of the title 'professional counselor.'"

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 08.29.100(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A person who is not licensed under this chapter may not

6 (1) profess to be a licensed professional counselor, a professional
7 counselor, or a licensed counselor; or

8 (2) make use of a title, words, letters, or abbreviations that may
9 reasonably be confused with the title of "licensed professional counselor,"
10 "professional counselor," or "licensed counselor."

11 * **Sec 2.** AS 21.36.090(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) Except to the extent necessary to comply with AS 21.42.365 and
13 AS 21.56, a person may not practice or permit unfair discrimination against a person
14 who provides a service covered under a group health insurance policy that extends

1 coverage on an expense incurred basis, or under a group service or indemnity type
2 contract issued by a health maintenance organization or a nonprofit corporation, if the
3 service is within the scope of the provider's occupational license. In this subsection,
4 "provider" means a state licensed physician, physician assistant, dentist, osteopath,
5 optometrist, chiropractor, nurse midwife, advanced nurse practitioner, naturopath,
6 physical therapist, occupational therapist, marital and family therapist, psychologist,
7 psychological associate, licensed clinical social worker, **licensed professional**
8 **counselor**, or certified direct-entry midwife.