

SENATE BILL NO. 168

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 3/27/09

Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to state certification and designation of trauma centers; creating the
2 uncompensated trauma care fund to offset uncompensated trauma care provided at
3 certified and designated trauma centers; and providing for an effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 18.08.082 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (c) The commissioner shall establish special designations in regulation for
7 varying levels of trauma care provided by a certified trauma center that shall be used
8 to set compensation eligibility and amounts under AS 18.08.085. The designations
9 shall be based on nationally recognized standards and procedures.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.08 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 **Sec. 18.08.085. Uncompensated trauma care fund; creation.** (a) The
12 uncompensated trauma care fund is created. The purpose of the fund is to compensate
13 certified trauma centers in the state that receive a special designation under
14 AS 18.08.082(c) for care uncompensated by the person receiving the care or by any

1 other source.

2 (b) The fund consists of money appropriated to it by the legislature, including
3 donations, recoveries of or reimbursements for awards made from the fund, income
4 from the fund, and other program receipts from activities under this chapter.
5 Appropriations to the fund do not lapse.

6 (c) The commissioner shall administer the fund in accordance with the
7 provisions of this chapter. The commissioner shall spend money from the
8 uncompensated trauma care fund for the purpose established in (a) of this section. The
9 commissioner may establish and seek the advice of a special committee for review of
10 statewide trauma care and compensation standards.

11 (d) The commissioner may not provide more than 25 percent of the total
12 assets, including earnings, of the fund in a fiscal year to one trauma center.

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