

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 168(HSS)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/24/10

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to state certification and designation of trauma centers; creating the**
2 **trauma care fund to offset the cost of trauma care provided at certified and designated**
3 **trauma centers and including a portion of the tax levy on alcohol as a source of money**
4 **that may be appropriated to the trauma care fund; and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

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

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

12 **Sec. 18.08.085. Trauma care fund; creation.** (a) The trauma care fund is
13 created. The purpose of the fund is to compensate certified trauma centers in the state
14 that receive a special designation under AS 18.08.082(c).

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

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

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

12 * **Sec. 3.** AS 43.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 **Sec. 43.60.055. Disposition of proceeds; availability for appropriation to**
 14 **the trauma care fund.** The portion of the tax collected under AS 43.60.010 that is not
 15 separately accounted for under AS 43.60.050(a) may be appropriated to the trauma
 16 care fund (AS 18.08.085). Nothing in this section creates a dedicated fund.

17 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).