

HOUSE BILL NO. 319

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 2/10/12

Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring a study of the health effects of airport security screening."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:

5 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES; STUDY OF AIRPORT
6 SCREENING HEALTH EFFECTS. (a) The Department of Health and Social Services shall
7 conduct a study of the mental and physical health effects of airport security screening. The
8 study shall investigate the potential for

9 (1) psychological trauma to travelers who have

10 (A) been diagnosed with cancer;

11 (B) had surgical resection or implant of a body part;

12 (C) been the victim of a physical or sexual assault; or

13 (D) sustained an injury related to work or war;

14 (2) physical effects from radiologic or other techniques used in the screening;

15 and

1 (3) exposure to harmful substances while undergoing airport security
2 screening.

3 (b) The department may enter into a contract with a qualified entity to conduct the
4 study described in (a) of this section.

5 (c) On or before January 1, 2014, the department shall report the findings of the study
6 conducted under this section to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over health
7 matters.