

**SENATE BILL NO. 90**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Health and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the purchase of durable medical equipment under Medicaid; and**  
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 47.07.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (g) When the department authorizes the purchase of durable medical  
6 equipment under this section, the department may require a recipient of medical  
7 assistance services to purchase used or refurbished durable medical equipment if used  
8 or refurbished durable medical equipment

9 (1) is available;

10 (2) is less expensive than new durable medical equipment of the same  
11 type;

12 (3) is able to withstand at least three years of use; and

13 (4) meets the needs of the recipient.

14 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 47.07.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

- 1                   (20) "durable medical equipment" means equipment that  
2                               (A) can withstand repeated use;  
3                               (B) is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical  
4                   purpose;  
5                               (C) generally is not useful to an individual in the absence of an  
6                   illness or injury; and  
7                               (D) is appropriate for use in the home, school, or community.  
8    \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).