



AMENDMENT #4

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1 Page 1, line 1, following "Act": (title amendment)

2 Insert "relating to the right of patients to have a support person present during  
3 treatment and during stays at certain facilities;"

5 Page 1, following line 8:

6 Insert new bill sections to read:

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

8 **Sec. 18.08.093. Right of patients to support person.** (a) A provider of  
9 emergency medical services who treats a patient shall allow a support person of the  
10 patient's choice to be present during treatment. The support person may be any  
11 individual and is not required to be the patient's surrogate under AS 13.52.030.

12 (b) A provider of emergency medical services shall have written policies and  
13 procedures regarding a patient's right to have a support person present during  
14 treatment, including provisions describing any clinically necessary or reasonable  
15 restriction the provider may place on access to the patient and the reason for the  
16 restriction. A provider of emergency medical services shall inform each patient or  
17 support person, as appropriate, of the patient's right to have a support person present,  
18 including any restriction on that right, and shall ensure that a support person enjoys  
19 full and equal visitation privileges consistent with patient preferences and the policies  
20 and procedures.

21 (c) A patient's right to a support person under this section may not be withheld  
22 based on a state or federal declaration of disaster.

23 **\* Sec. 3.** AS 18.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

1 **Article 6. Right of Patients to Support Person While in Hospital, Nursing Facility,**  
 2 **Assisted Living Home, or Hospice Care.**

3 **Sec. 18.20.600. Right of patients to support person.** (a) A hospital, nursing  
 4 facility, assisted living home, or hospice provider shall allow a support person of the  
 5 patient's choice to be present during the patient's stay. The support person may be any  
 6 individual and is not required to be the patient's surrogate under AS 13.52.030.

7 (b) A hospital, nursing facility, assisted living home, or hospice provider shall  
 8 have written policies and procedures regarding a patient's right to have a support  
 9 person present during the patient's stay, including provisions describing any clinically  
 10 necessary or reasonable restriction the hospital, nursing facility, assisted living home,  
 11 or hospice provider may place on access to the patient and the reason for the  
 12 restriction. A hospital, nursing facility, assisted living home, or hospice provider shall  
 13 inform each patient or support person, as appropriate, of the patient's right to have a  
 14 support person present, including any restriction on that right, and shall ensure that a  
 15 support person enjoys full and equal visitation privileges consistent with patient  
 16 preferences and the policies and procedures.

17 (c) A patient's right to a support person under this section may not be withheld  
 18 based on a state or federal declaration of disaster.

19 (d) In this section,

- 20 (1) "assisted living home" has the meaning given in AS 47.32.900;  
 21 (2) "hospice" has the meaning given in AS 47.32.900;  
 22 (3) "hospital" has the meaning given in AS 18.20.130;  
 23 (4) "nursing facility" has the meaning given in AS 18.20.390."

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 25 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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 27 Page 3, line 27:

28 Delete "Sections 3 and 4(a)"

29 Insert "Sections 5 and 6(a)"

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 31 Page 3, line 28:

1 Delete "Section 4(b)"

2 Insert "Section 6(b)"

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4 Page 3, line 30:

5 Delete "sec. 5"

6 Insert "sec. 7"