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IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 144

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an act entitled: "An Act providing for a Hospital Advisory Council; providing for the appointment of its Members, their tenure and compensation; prescribing and defining their powers and duties; authorizing an appropriation; and declaring an emergency."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Section 1. HOSPITAL ADVISORY COUNCIL. There is hereby created the Hospital Advisory Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, which shall consist of the Members of the Alaska Board of Health, serving ex-officio, and one representative from each of the Alaska Territorial Medical Association, Alaska Nurses' Association, and Alaska Hospital Association, hereinafter referred to as the Associations, and ^{the} Federal Agency ^{is} charged with providing medical, health and hospital services to those persons in Alaska described as beneficiaries of the Alaska Native Service, ^{and the Veterans Administration} (hereinafter referred to as the Federal Agency). The member to represent each of said Associations shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted to him by the governing body of each of such Associations, and the representative ^{said} of the Federal Agency shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the principal officer in Alaska of said Federal Agency. ^{is} Provided, that each Association shall submit at least two nominees for each position to be filled. Members, other than

1 those serving ex-officio, shall serve for terms of two years, or
2 until their successors are appointed and qualify, and said terms
3 shall commence on April 1, 1955 and on April 1 of each alternate
4 year thereafter.

5 Section 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL. The Council
6 shall select a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary from among
7 its membership and shall adopt such rules of procedure as it deems
8 necessary. Meetings shall be held pursuant to the call of the
9 Chairman, which shall be at least once each year; Provided, that
10 the Chairman shall call a meeting when requested in writing by
11 two Members.

12 The Council shall: (a) advise and consult with the Alaska
13 Commissioner of Health with respect to the formulation of a pro-
14 gram for the construction of such public and other non-profit
15 hospitals and medical facilities as will, in conjunction with
16 existing facilities, afford the necessary physical facilities for
17 furnishing adequate hospital and medical facility services to all
18 residents of the Territory; (b) consult and advise with the
19 Alaska Department of Health in the implementation of the responsi-
20 bilities of said Department under the provisions of Chapter 6 of
21 Title 40, Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated, 1949, (which is
22 Chapter 93, Session Laws of Alaska, 1947); (c) advise and consult
23 with the Alaska Department of Health in the development of rules,
24 regulations and standards with respect to the operation of
25 hospitals in Alaska; (d) review and adopt regulations and stand-
26 ards authorized by Chapter 6 of Title 40, Alaska Compiled Laws
27 Annotated, 1949, prior to their promulgation by the Alaska Depart-
28 ment of Health; and (e) shall cooperate closely with communities,
29 civic groups, medical and nursing associations, voluntary health

1 associations and other persons, governing bodies and private
2 agencies for the improvement of hospital and other non-profit
3 medical and health facilities in the Territory of Alaska.

4 ^{Section 3} Section 3. EXPENSES OF MEMBERS. Members of the Council
5 shall receive no salaries, but they shall be entitled to re-
6 imbursement of actual travel expenses incidental to the discharge
7 of their duties under this Act and shall, while in the performance
8 of such duties, be entitled to the per diem allowed by law; Pro-
9 vided, that a Member of the Board of Health shall not be entitled
10 to reimbursement of travel expenses or a per diem allowance under
11 this Act if he has a proper claim for such travel expenses and per
12 diem under any other Act; Provided, further, that no Federal
13 officer or employee shall be entitled to the reimbursement of
14 travel expenses or a per diem allowance under this Act if he has
15 a valid claim for such travel expenses and per diem allowance
16 under Federal law.

17 Section 4. APPROPRIATION; AUDIT; CERTIFYING OFFICER. Funds
18 for carrying out the provisions of this Act shall be set forth in
19 the general appropriation and shall be included in that item
20 which relates to Hospital Survey and Construction.

21 Expenditures under this Act shall be subject to the general
22 audit of Territorial agencies.

23 The Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health shall be
24 the certifying officer on all claims for reimbursement arising
25 under this Act.

26 Section 5. SUCCESSION. The Hospital Advisory Council, as
27 established by this Act, shall be the successor to the Territorial
28 Advisory Council, as provided in Chapter 11, Session Laws of
29 Alaska, 1946 ex., and the Advisory Hospital Council, as provided

1 by Section 40-6-10, Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated, 1949.

Section 6 of Article 3

2 Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. An emergency is hereby declared
3 to exist and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and
4 after the date of its passage and approval, or upon its becoming
5 law without such approval.
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