

1 IN THE HOUSE

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BY REQUEST OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act Entitled: "An Act to provide for the constructing and
7 equipping of mental health hospitals and
8 other facilities; prescribing powers and
9 duties of the mental health authority,
10 authorizing and appropriation; and declaring
11 an emergency."

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

13 Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to provide
14 for the constructing and equipping of hospitals and other
15 facilities in Alaska needed for carrying out a comprehensive
16 mental health program, to accept the benefits (of sec. 372 (a) of
17 Title III of the Public Health Service Act, enacted by section 103)
18 of the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act (P.L. 830, 84th Congress,
19 2nd Session, 70 Stat. 709) and to authorize the mental health
20 authority to take action necessary to accomplish these purposes.

21 Sec. 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY.

22 (a) The mental health authority established by H.B. _____, 23rd
23 Session of the Territorial Legislature is hereby empowered and
24 directed:

25 (1) To develop and submit to the Surgeon General
26 of the United States Public Health Service a comprehensive
27 program for the constructing and equipping of hospitals and
28 other facilities for the examination, observation, care and
29 treatment of the mentally ill, mentally deficient, senile,
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1 alcoholics and addicts.

2 (2) To develop and submit to the Surgeon General
3 plans and specifications for the constructing and equipping
4 of such hospitals and other facilities,

5 (3) To construct and equip such hospitals and
6 other facilities in accordance with the program, plans and
7 specifications approved by the Surgeon General.

8 (4) To cooperate, coordinate and contract, where-
9 ever indicated and desirable, with other Territorial Boards,
10 Departments and agencies, and agencies of the United States
11 in such construction program, and to hire necessary personnel
12 and enter into contracts with private individuals and
13 companies, to the end that such hospitals and other facili-
14 ties may be constructed in the most economical and expedi-
15 tious manner.

16 (b) All actions, agreements and transactions taken or
17 entered into heretofore by the mental health authority consistent
18 with the provisions of this Act are hereby expressly affirmed and
19 ratified.

20 Sec. 3. MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT FUNDS:

21 The mental health authority is authorized to accept on behalf of
22 the Territory and to deposit separate and apart from other public
23 moneys and funds any grant from the Federal Government or gift or
24 contribution from any source to assist in carrying out the pur-
25 poses of this Act and to expend the same for such purposes.

26 Sec. 4. Funds for carrying out the provisions of this Act.
27 shall be set forth in the general appropriation bill.

28 Sec. 5. DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. An emergency is hereby
29 declared to exist and this Act shall take effect immediately upon

1 its passage and approval or upon its becoming law without such
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