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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 275

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to defrauding general
7 hospitals; providing penalty therefor;
8 and providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 Section 1. For the purposes of this Act, a "general hospital"
11 means a hospital which offers its services to the public and which
12 receives, to the extent its capacity and facilities permit and in
13 accordance with the rules and regulations established by it, all
14 patients as they apply.

15 Sec. 2. Any person who receives or requests board, room,
16 surgical care, medical care, or related services or drugs or
17 other medication, or any combination thereof, from any general
18 hospital, with the intent to not pay the amounts due and the
19 amounts which become due for one or more of such items, and any
20 person who obtains credit from any general hospital for one or
21 more of such items and, in so doing, makes use of or furnishes
22 false information as to name, address, employment or otherwise,
23 unless all such items furnished are fully paid therefor within
24 the specified time agreement between the hospital and patient,
25 relatives, or others who have agreed to payment of services
26 rendered, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof
27 shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for not less than 30
28 days nor more than one year or by a fine of not less than \$100.00
29 nor more than \$1,000.00, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

1 Sec. 3. The departure of any patient from any general
2 hospital with the intent to avoid or delay payment for any such
3 item is prima facie evidence of the initial intent to not pay
4 the amounts due and the amounts which become due for such items.

5 Sec. 4. The departure of any patient from any general
6 hospital without actual notice to the officials of the hospital
7 is prima facie evidence of intent to avoid or delay payment for
8 such items.

9 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its
10 passage and approval or upon its becoming law without such
11 approval.

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