

1 IN THE HOUSE

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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; and
8 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 requests and receives hospital care
16 including board, room, surgical care, medical care, or related
17 services or drugs or other medication, or any combination thereof,
18 from any general hospital, with the intent to not pay the amounts
19 due and the amounts which become due for one or more of such items
20 and any person who obtains credit from any general hospital for
21 one or more of such items by intentionally giving and furnishing
22 false information as to name, address, employment or property
23 unless all such items furnished are fully paid for by such person,
24 is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be
25 punished by imprisonment in jail for not more than one year or by
26 a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or by both the fine and imprisc
27 ment.

28 Sec. 3. The departure of any patient from any general
29 hospital without such patient making or offering to make arrange-
HE #275 as amended by the Senate

1 ments with hospital officials or office personnel to pay at a
2 later date for the services rendered or items furnished, is
3 evidence of intent not to pay for the same.

4 Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of every hospital in the State
5 of Alaska to post a printed copy of this Act in a conspicuous
6 place in each room occupied by patients and in the lobby of said
7 hospital, and no conviction may be had under this Act until it
8 shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the court that the
9 provisions of this section have been substantially complied with by
10 said hospital.

11 Sec. 5. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage
12 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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