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HOUSE BILL NO. 287

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act to regulate the occupation of

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sanitarians, and to create a Board of

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Registration of Sanitarians; and amending

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Ch. 2, Sec. 2(1) of Ch. 143, SLA 1959."

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

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Section 1. CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE

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BOARD OF REGISTRATION. (a) Creation. There is created a six

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member Board of Registration of Sanitarians.

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(b) Appointment, qualifications, and terms of office. The

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governor shall appoint members of the board, subject to confirma-

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tion by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint

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session. Two members of the initial board serve for one year;

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two for two years; and two for three years. Initial terms date

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from the first of February immediately preceding appointment.

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After initial appointment terms of board members are three years.

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The governor shall fill vacancies occurring during a term of office

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in the same manner as the original appointment is made and for the

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balance of the unexpired term. Board members hold office at the

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pleasure of the governor, notwithstanding their respective terms.

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(c) Meetings. The board shall meet once each year for

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business and shall then elect from its members a chairman, a vice-

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chairman, and a secretary. The secretary holds office at the

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pleasure of the board. Four members of the board constitute a

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quorum. The secretary shall call a special meeting at the request

1 of two board members or on receipt of a written request for a
2 special meeting signed by 10 registered sanitarians. The board
3 may not at an executive session make decisions affecting the
4 rights or privileges of any person.

5 Sec. 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD. (a) The board
6 shall

7 (1) examine applicants for registration, register
8 qualified sanitarians and sanitarians-in-training, and issue to
9 qualified sanitarians registration certificates bearing the
10 board's seal;

11 (2) keep a record of its proceedings;

12 (3) keep a register of all applications, showing each
13 applicant's residence, name, age, educational and experience
14 qualifications, and the name and address of his employer, if any,
15 the date of the application, the serial number assigned to it, the
16 board's action relative to it and the date of that action;

17 (4) maintain a current registry of registered sani-
18 tarians and sanitarians-in-training;

19 (5) keep a record of all money received or disbursed,
20 and shall pay all money received into the general fund of the
21 state.

22 (b) The board may

23 (1) suspend or revoke the registration of a sanitarian
24 or a sanitarian-in-training when it finds that it is necessary to
25 do so to protect public health;

26 (2) adopt regulations dealing with the conduct of
27 examinations and the requirements for qualifications of sanitarians
28 and their conduct in accord with the provisions of the Adminis-
29 trative Procedure Act;

1 (3) in addition to registration fees, charge against
2 applicants costs of holding their examinations;

3 (4) raise or lower education requirements for qualifica-
4 tion as sanitarians or sanitarians-in-training if it finds it
5 necessary to do so to protect public health;

6 (5) whenever it appears that a person has engaged in or
7 is about to engage in an act or practice constituting a violation
8 of sec. 9 or sec. 10 of this Act, through its secretary, bring an
9 action in the superior court to enjoin the acts or practices and
10 to enforce compliance with sec. 9 or sec. 10.

11 Sec. 3. QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A SANITARIAN.

12 (a) A person is entitled to be registered as a sanitarian who

13 (1) on or before the effective date of this Act (A) was
14 employed full-time as a sanitarian in Alaska, or (B) has passed
15 an Alaska civil service examination qualifying him as a sani-
16 tarian, and in either case has applied for registration and paid
17 registration fees within 18 months of the effective date of this
18 Act; or

19 (2) has been graduated from an accredited college or
20 university with a bachelor's degree, passed 45 quarter hours or
21 30 semester hours of academic work in basic natural sciences,
22 completed application forms prescribed by the board, paid appli-
23 cation fees, passed an examination given by the board and been
24 employed for at least two years as a sanitarian.

25 (b) For a person who has an advanced degree in a field of
26 study related to sanitation, the requirement of employment as a
27 sanitarian is one year instead of two.

28 (c) If an applicant for registration as a sanitarian passed
29 an examination and was registered as a sanitarian-in-training,

1 that examination satisfies the examination requirement of subsec.
2 (a)(2) of this section and he need not take another examination
3 before being registered as a sanitarian.

4 Sec. 4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS A SANITARIAN-IN-
5 TRAINING. A person who meets the requirements of sec. 3(a)(2) or
6 sec. 3(a)(2) and 3(b) of this Act, except the requirement that he
7 have worked as a sanitarian, is entitled to be registered as a
8 sanitarian-in-training. If the board determines that examinations
9 for sanitarians-in-training are not necessary to protect public
10 health, it may waive those examinations.

11 Sec. 5. EXAMINATIONS. (a) The board shall hold written
12 examinations at least once a year. The board shall base examina-
13 tions on recommendations of the American Public Health Association
14 for Sanitarians, and shall design them to disqualify applicants
15 whose lack of knowledge of physical, biological and sanitary
16 sciences, and of the standards of professional sanitarians would
17 endanger public health.

18 (b) Examinations shall be so administered that one who
19 grades written examinations does not know whose paper he is
20 grading.

21 (c) An applicant who fails an examination may apply for a
22 subsequent examination, but shall pay the registration fee each
23 time he applies.

24 (d) The secretary shall keep examination papers one year.

25 Sec. 6. APPLICATIONS. (a) A person otherwise qualified to
26 be registered as a sanitarian or as a sanitarian-in-training is
27 entitled to pay his registration fee, apply for, and take an
28 examination.

29 (b) If the board waives examinations for sanitarians-in-

1 training, a person otherwise qualified as a sanitarian-in-training
2 is entitled to apply for registration.

3 Sec. 7. FEES. The registration fee for a sanitarian is \$25;
4 for a sanitarian-in-training, \$15. A sanitarian-in-training who
5 applies for registration as a sanitarian must pay the \$25 registra-
6 tion fee.

7 Sec. 8. RENEWALS. (a) Sanitarians are registered for one
8 year. The board shall annually renew registrations of sanitarians
9 who apply for renewal and who pay a \$15 annual renewal fee. The
10 board shall renew a lapsed registration when a sanitarian whose
11 registration has lapsed applies for renewal and pays the renewal
12 fee. A sanitarian whose registration has lapsed may apply for
13 renewal without taking an examination. Registrations lapsed over
14 one year may require examination at the discretion of the Board.

15 (b) Renewal requirements for sanitarians-in-training are
16 the same as those for sanitarians, except that after a sanitarian-
17 in-training becomes qualified to be registered as a sanitarian,
18 his registration as a sanitarian-in-training may not be renewed.

19 Sec. 9. USE OF TITLE. No person who is not a registered
20 sanitarian may use the title "Registered Sanitarian" or use the
21 abbreviation "R.S." after his name.

22 Sec. 10. RECORDS. Board records, registers, and registries
23 are open to public inspection.

24 Sec. 11. RECIPROCITY. Agreements for reciprocity with
25 states having Acts for the registration of sanitarians sub-
26 stantially similar to this Act may be entered into by the board.

27 Sec. 12. BOARD PROCEDURE. Sec. 2(1), Ch. 2, Ch. 143, SLA
28 1959 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

29 Board of Registration of Sanitarians