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IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. TAYLOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 371

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act increasing the members of the Alaska Workmen's Compensation Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

Section 1. Sec. 25, Ch. 193, SLA 1959 is amended to read:

Sec. 25. ALASKA WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD. (1) A Board is hereby created which shall be known as the "Alaska Workmen's Compensation Board", to be composed of the following nine [THREE] members: The Commissioner of Labor and four [ONE] representatives each of industry and labor, the latter eight [TWO] members to be appointed by the Governor. One representative of industry and one representative of labor shall be appointed from each of the four judicial districts of the state. The Commissioner of Labor shall be Chairman of the Board, and shall be the executive officer of the Board, and shall be empowered to perform all acts necessary to carry into effect all provisions of this Act.

(2) The Commissioner of Labor may appoint a deputy to act for him and such deputy shall thereby exercise the authority of the member for the purposes of this Act.

(3) Two members shall constitute a quorum and the action taken by any two members shall be considered the action of the full Board. The Board may hold simultaneous or separate hearings in each judicial district as necessary

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to expedite the handling of cases.

(4) The Board may make rules not inconsistent with this Act for carrying out the provisions hereof. Process and procedure under this Act shall be as summary and simple as reasonably may be. The Board or any member thereof shall have the power for the purposes of this Act to subpoena witnesses, administer or cause to be administered oaths, and to examine or cause to have examined such parts of the books and records of the parties to a proceeding as relate to questions in dispute. The District Court, on application of the Board or any member thereof, shall enforce, by proper proceedings, the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production and examination of books, papers and records.

(5) The Board shall have the authority to make rules regulating and supervising the medical care provided in this Act. In addition to the reports required of physicians under the provisions of Section 6 (1), the Board may direct any physician or hospital rendering medical treatment or service under the provisions of this Act to furnish to the Board periodic reports of such treatment or services on forms to be procured from the Board for that purpose.

Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.