

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 372

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act increasing the members of the Alaska
7 Workmen's Compensation Board; limiting
8 members to lawyers; and providing for an
9 effective date."

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

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

12 Sec. 25. ALASKA WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD. (1)

13 A Board is hereby created which shall be known as the
14 "Alaska Workmen's Compensation Board", to be composed of the
15 following nine [THREE] members: The Commissioner of Labor
16 and eight lawyers of the Alaska Bar each having at least
17 five years of law practice within the state, [ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH OF INDUSTRY AND LABOR, THE LATTER TWO MEMBERS
18 to be appointed by the Governor. Two lawyers shall be
19 appointed from each of the four judicial districts of the
20 state. The Commissioner of Labor shall be Chairman of the
21 Board, and shall be the executive officer of the Board,
22 and shall be empowered to perform all acts necessary to
23 carry into effect all provisions of this Act.

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

28 (3) Two members shall constitute a quorum and the
29 action taken by any two members shall be considered the

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action of the full Board. The Board may hold simultaneous or separate hearings in each judicial district as necessary 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 the 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.