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IN THE SENATE

BY RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

SENATE BILL NO. 39

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to mental health; amending Ch. 87, SLA 1957 as amended by Ch. 127, SLA 1959; and providing for an effective date."

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

Section 1. Subsec. (1), Sec. 100, Ch. 87, SLA 1957 as amended by Sec. 1, Ch. 127, SLA 1959, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(1) "Mentally ill individual" means an individual having a psychosis or senile changes which substantially impair his mental health to the degree that he is a danger to himself or others; excluding acute alcoholism or drug addiction; or a mentally deficient person who, in the sole discretion of the Department, has been classified as a "mentally ill individual" for the purpose of establishing eligibility for treatment under this act.

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