

1 IN THE SENATE BY RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 39

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

11 Section 1. Subsec. (1), Sec. 101, Ch. 87, SLA 1957 as
12 amended by Sec. 1, Ch. 127, SLA 1959, is hereby amended to read
13 as follows:

14 (1) "Mentally ill individual" means an individual
15 having a psychosis or senile changes which substantially
16 impair his mental health to the degree that he is a danger
17 to himself or others; excluding acute alcoholism or drug
18 addiction; or a mentally deficient person whom the Commis-
19 sioner of Health and Welfare or his designee has considered
20 and agreed to admit for treatment in his sole discretion,
21 subject to the admission and discharge procedures provided
22 for in this Act.

23 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on the day
24 after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law with-
25 out such approval.