

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 2d 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 amended
12 by Sec. 1, Ch. 127, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-enacted to read:

13 (1) "Mentally ill individual" means an individual
14 having a psychosis or senile changes which substantially
15 impair his mental health to the degree that he is a danger to
16 himself or others; or a mentally deficient person whom the
17 Commissioner of Health and Welfare or his designee has con-
18 sidered and in his discretion agreed to admit for treatment,
19 subject, however, to all the other admission and discharge
20 procedures provided for in this Act. The definition shall
21 not include or refer to individuals suffering from acute
22 alcoholism or drug addiction.

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