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IN THE SENATE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2d CS FOR 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; repealing and re-enacting Subsec. (1), Sec. 101, Ch. 87, SLA 1957, as amended by Sec. 1, 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 (1), Sec. 101, Ch. 87, SLA 1957, as amended by Sec. 1, Ch. 127, SLA 1959, is repealed and re-enacted to read:

(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; or a mentally deficient and severely mentally retarded person whom the Commissioner of Health and Welfare or his designee has considered and in his discretion agreed to admit for treatment subject, however, to all the other admission and discharge procedures provided for in this Act. The definition shall not include or refer to individuals suffering from acute alcoholism or drug addiction.

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