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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 318

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating an advisory board on
7 alcoholism; establishing the duties and
8 powers of the department concerning alco-
9 holics; and providing for an effective
10 date."

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

12 * Section 1. AS 44.29 is amended by adding new sections to
13 read:

14 ARTICLE 2. ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOLISM.

15 Sec. 44.29.030. ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOLISM. There is
16 established in the Department of Health and Welfare an
17 advisory board on alcoholism.

18 Sec. 44.29.040. COMPOSITION AND TERM OF OFFICE. The
19 advisory board on alcoholism consists of five members ap-
20 pointed by the governor.

21 Sec. 44.29.050. QUALIFICATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS. (a)
22 Two members shall be persons who are licensed to practice
23 medicine in the state, one of whom shall be certified in
24 psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
25 or is eligible for that certification, except that if a
26 psychiatrist is not available, a clinical psychologist may
27 be appointed.

28 (b) One member shall be a practicing attorney who has
29 been admitted to the practice of law by the Supreme Court

1 of the State of Alaska.

2 (c) Two members shall be persons who have evidenced
3 an interest in the problems of alcoholism and who have
4 knowledge of the social problems encountered in the re-
5 habilitation of alcoholics.

6 Sec. 44.29.060. TERM OF OFFICE. (a) The members of
7 the board initially appointed under sec. 50(a) of this
8 chapter serve a term of four years.

9 (b) The members initially appointed under sec. 50(b)
10 of this chapter serve a term of three years.

11 (c) The members initially appointed under sec. 50(c)
12 of this chapter serve a term of one and two years respec-
13 tively.

14 (d) Subsequent terms for all board members are for
15 four years.

16 (e) A vacancy occurring in the membership of the board
17 shall be filled by appointment of the governor for the un-
18 expired portion of the vacated term.

19 (f) Board members serve at the pleasure of the governor.

20 Sec. 44.29.070. COMPENSATION, PER DIEM, OR EXPENSES.
21 Members of the advisory board on alcoholism are not entitled
22 to a salary, per diem, reimbursement for travel or other
23 expenses.

24 Sec. 44.29.080. DUTIES. The board shall act in an
25 advisory capacity to the commissioner of the Department of
26 Health and Welfare in the following matters:

27 (1) special problems affecting mental health
28 which alcoholism may present;

29 (2) educational and research activities conducted

1 by the department in respect to the problems presented by
2 alcoholism;

3 (3) social problems which affect rehabilitation
4 of alcoholics;

5 (4) legal processes which affect the treatment
6 and rehabilitation of alcoholics; and

7 (5) any program of public relations concerning
8 the problem of alcoholism conducted by any department of
9 the state government or by any organized group whose purpose
10 is the rehabilitation of alcoholics.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 47.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

12 ARTICLE 4. ALCOHOLICS.

13 Sec. 47.30.470. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. The
14 department shall:

15 (1) ascertain and keep current a list of all
16 institutions in the state which have available facilities
17 for the care and treatment of alcoholics;

18 (2) encourage the development and advancement of
19 standards of treatment of alcoholics in institutions;

20 (3) promote and encourage educational activities
21 to make the public aware of the effects of intemperate use
22 of alcoholic beverages, and promote and encourage the edu-
23 cation of the general public about scientific facts regarding
24 alcoholism;

25 (4) utilize whatever facilities and services are
26 available or can be made available through community
27 organization for carrying out the purposes of this section;

28 (5) engage in research and educational activities
29 that will aid in the understanding of alcoholism and in the

1 treatment of alcoholics.

2 Sec. 47.30.480. JUDICIAL NOTICE. The superior courts
3 of this state may take judicial notice of the fact that an
4 alcoholic is suffering from an illness and is in need of
5 proper medical, advisory or rehabilitative treatment.

6 Sec. 47.30.490. ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS. The department
7 may accept on behalf of the state and deposit, apart from
8 other public funds, grants from the federal government or
9 gifts or contributions from other sources to assist in
10 carrying out the purposes of sec. 470 of this chapter.

11 Sec. 47.30.500. DEFINITIONS. In secs. 470 - 490 of
12 this chapter

13 (1) "department" means the Department of Health
14 and Welfare;

15 (2) "alcoholism" means a condition related to
16 alcohol and concerns a physical compulsion which exists,
17 coupled with a mental obsession;

18 (3) "alcoholic" means a person who chronically and
19 habitually uses alcoholic beverages to the extent that he
20 loses the power of self-control with respect to the use of
21 alcoholic beverages; or any person who chronically and
22 habitually uses alcoholic beverages to the extent that he
23 becomes a menace to the public morals, health, safety or
24 welfare.

25 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1966.

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