

1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 507

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to liability for payment
7 for hospitalization of a minor in a state
8 hospital."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 47.30.270(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) A patient, or his legal representative acting in a
12 representative capacity, spouse, parents, adult children, in
13 that order, shall pay or contribute to the payment of the
14 charges for the care or treatment of the patient when hospi-
15 talized under secs. 10 - 340 of this chapter, in the manner
16 and proportion which the department finds is not detrimental
17 to the patient's rehabilitation and which is within their
18 ability to pay. On admission of a minor, the parent or legal
19 representative shall be liable for all costs incurred includ-
20 ing those incurred before the date of the order for payment,
21 but shall be liable only until the minor has reached the age
22 of 21 years. The charges may not exceed the actual cost of
23 the care or treatment as determined by the department. The
24 order of the department relating to the payment of charges by
25 persons other than the patient, [OR] his legal representative,
26 or spouse or parents in the case of minors, shall be pro-
27 spective in effect and shall relate only to charges to be
28 incurred after the order, except that if the responsible
29 person intentionally conceals his ability to pay, he shall be

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ordered to pay to the extent of his ability the charges accruing during the period of the concealment. The department may make necessary investigations to determine the ability to pay, and may require sworn statements of income by the responsible persons.