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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to 24-hour service by

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physicians at hospitals.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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WHEREAS hospitals within the state are not presently required

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to have a physician on duty on the hospital premises at all times;

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WHEREAS the presence of a physician within a hospital on a

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24-hour-a-day basis is a matter of great public concern inasmuch

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as it can mean literally the difference between life and death in

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an emergency and can otherwise greatly enhance the well-being of

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patients; and

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WHEREAS the need for a physician on duty on the hospital

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premises at all times is most pressing and could be fulfilled in

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at least those hospitals serving larger population areas; and

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WHEREAS the Commissioner of Health and Welfare is empowered

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by law to promulgate regulations governing the care and treatment

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of hospital patients;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully urged to

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direct the Commissioner of Health and Welfare to require by regu-

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lation that a physician be on duty on the hospital premises at all

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times in at least those hospitals serving larger population areas

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of the state.

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