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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY GUESS

2 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to 24-hour service by
6 physicians at hospitals.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

8 WHEREAS hospitals within the state are not presently required
9 to have a physician on duty on the hospital premises at all times;
10 and

11 WHEREAS the presence of a physician within a hospital on a
12 24-hour-a-day basis is a matter of great public concern inasmuch
13 as it can mean literally the difference between life and death in
14 an emergency and can otherwise greatly enhance the well-being of
15 patients; and

16 WHEREAS the need for a physician on duty on the hospital
17 premises at all times is most pressing and could be fulfilled in
18 at least those hospitals serving larger population areas; and

19 WHEREAS the Commissioner of Health and Welfare is empowered
20 by law to promulgate regulations governing the care and treatment
21 of hospital patients;

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully urged to
23 direct the Commissioner of Health and Welfare to require by regu-
24 lation that a physician be on duty on the hospital premises at all
25 times in at least those hospitals serving larger population areas
26 of 50,000 or over in the state.

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