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BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE
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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 308

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Office of Alcoholism within the
7 Department of Health and Welfare."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 18 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 9. OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM

11 Sec. 18.09.010. OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM. The Office of Alcoholism
12 is under the immediate administrative direction of the commissioner of
13 health and welfare. The office is independent of established divisions
14 and units of the department. The responsibility and authority for
15 administering the program to accomplish its objectives is delegated to
16 the Office of Alcoholism by the commissioner.

17 Sec. 18.09.020. COMPOSITION OF OFFICE. The staff of the office
18 consists of the Coordinator for Alcoholism Programs and a secretary.
19 The coordinator shall be a professional person with knowledge and
20 experience in the field of alcoholism and in modern program concepts,
21 with administrative and community organizational abilities. He shall
22 be employed by the commissioner in accordance with personnel policies
23 and procedures established by the Department of Administration,
24 division of personnel. He shall act in an advisory and consultative
25 capacity to the commissioner and provide technical assistance,
26 consultation and liaison between committees and the commissioner in
27 matters pertaining to alcoholism. The coordinator shall submit to
28 the commissioner an annual report; interim reports shall be submitted
29 at the request of the commissioner. The coordinator may utilize

1 the services of special task forces for special assignments. These
2 task forces are appointed by the commissioner on the recommendation
3 of the coordinator and serve only for the length of time necessary
4 to complete a specific assignment, or at the discretion of the
5 commissioner.

6 Sec. 18.09.030. DUTIES OF OFFICE. The office shall

7 (1) develop a comprehensive coordinated state plan to
8 include all services and programs for the alcoholic which will make
9 economical and maximum use of funds and manpower available;

10 (2) keep abreast of latest developments in the field and
11 in areas that relate to alcoholism throughout the nation and within
12 the state;

13 (3) collect information, facts, statistics, and other
14 special studies pertinent to the subject of alcoholism;

15 (4) provide for a mutual exchange of ideas and information
16 at national, state, regional and community levels;

17 (5) develop and maintain or expand cooperative working
18 relationships with federal, state and private agencies and associations;

19 (6) encourage and assist in the development of comprehensive,
20 coordinated services in communities;

21 (7) cooperate with public and private agencies to promote
22 coordination of existing programs and the development of needed services;

23 (8) serve in an advisory capacity in regard to new legis-
24 lation for alcoholism;

25 (9) serve in an advisory capacity for the obtaining of
26 grants by state or private agencies which relate to alcoholism and
27 which must receive approval within the department;

28 (10) serve as liaison on matters relating to alcoholism
29 between the departments and units of state government and federal,

1 state and community agencies, associations, and individuals;

2 (11) develop and coordinate public and professional educa-
3 tional programs relative to alcoholism;

4 (12) recommend priorities in the development of programs for
5 the alcoholic;

6 (13) evaluate the effectiveness of the program of the office
7 and the development of the state plan, with appropriate reporting; and

8 (14) evaluate existing programs and resources against the
9 existing needs and the readiness of the communities to develop or
10 expand programs.

11 Sec. 18.09.040. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

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

13 (2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of health and
14 welfare;

15 (3) "coordinator" means the coordinator for alcoholism
16 programs;

17 (4) "office" means the Office of Alcoholism.
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