

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 378

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a state medical aide program."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 18.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 Sec. 18.05.058. MEDICAL AIDE PROGRAM. (a) The department, with
10 the advice of the Alaska State Medical Association, the Alaska State
11 Dental Association, and the Alaska Federation of Natives, shall
12 establish a program to provide medical aides to rural areas of the
13 state, and shall utilize residents of rural areas and other persons
14 trained under AS 14.40.095 and other qualified persons.

15 (b) The department shall reimburse medical aides for their
16 services at a rate to be determined by the commissioner.

17 (c) In this section "medical aide" means a person trained in the
18 rudiments of nursing, dentistry, and general medicine for the purpose
19 of providing health assistance in the rural areas of the state.

20 * Sec. 2. AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

21 Sec. 14.40.095. MEDICAL AIDE COURSE. (a) As part of the program
22 described in AS 18.05.058, the university, with the advice of the
23 Department of Health and Welfare, shall establish a course at the
24 university and an extension service to train persons in the rudiments
25 of nursing, dentistry, and general medicine in order to provide medi-
26 cal aides for the rural areas of the state.

27 (b) An accredited college or university in the state which
28 establishes a department approved course as described in (a) of this
29 section may obtain reimbursement from the department for the costs of

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the course, including the salary of the instructor, on the condition
that any tuition charged for the course be turned over to the depart-
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