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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the use of Alaska medi-
6 cal and allied health facilities.

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

8 WHEREAS qualified specialist care for most medical and surgical con-
9 ditions, including cardiac surgery, now exists in Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS the proper basis for patient referral to a specialist is the
11 considered judgment of his fellow practitioners of medicine; and

12 WHEREAS government interference with the physician-patient relation-
13 ship and the arbitrary use of governmental powers to alter referral patterns
14 can only be harmful to the patient, the physician and the general public;

15 BE IT RESOLVED that state health agencies and federal health agencies
16 in the state involved in the procurement of medical and surgical health
17 services are requested to use Alaskan physicians and facilities when
18 available, unless this is contrary to the wishes of the referring physician.

19 COPIES of this resolution should be sent to the Honorable Holman
20 Wherritt, Area Director of the United States Public Health Service, and the
21 Honorable Wallace J. Chapman, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of
22 Health and Welfare.

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